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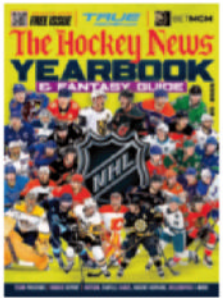

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WELCOME TO THE 2025-26 edition of the Yearbook. For the second year running, we've included our annual Fantasy Guide content in this issue to give you the chonkiest compendium possible.

The Hockey News' Yearbook is a scene-setter. As per usual, you'll find reams of analysis and forecasting, along with an array of features to give you a look at some of the personalities integral to the game. And speaking of the game today, let's delve into the state of things, shall we?

The Yearbook is as good a place as any to take a step back and look at where the NHL is right now. The past few seasons have been impressive, with record-breaking individual performances and gutsy team victories providing a top-notch product for 32 fan bases and everyone else in between. And we're in for more excellence in 2025-26.

I believe, in fact, that the NHL is in one of its best positions ever right now.

Last season set the table. The 4 Nations Face-Off, initially derided by many (myself included) as a wonky concept with nothing at stake and not enough teams, turned into one of the most important international tournaments ever, with North American politics jumping into the fray and providing a visceral backdrop for two games between Canada and the United States. The clashes were intense, physical and filled with hair-raising suspense, with the Americans drawing first blood in the round-robin and Canada returning the favor in the championship game. And, of course, it was Connor McDavid, the biggest star in the game, netting the winner in overtime.

For a rivalry to really cook, however, that contempt needs its familiarity, and that's where this season comes into play. The 2026 Olympics have been booked and locked up by the NHL and NHLPA, meaning that for the first time in more than a decade, the best players in the world will be playing for that famed gold medal. Needless to say, this is huge for the sport. We have yet to see McDavid, Auston Matthews, Cale Makar or either of the Tkachuk brothers at the Olympics (ditto for David Pastrnak or Mikko Rantanen, for that matter). And it's far past time.

So, in the immortal words of Bill Murray's Carl Spackler, we've got that going for us.

But another piece of crucial news came out recently, and that involves the NHL's labor situation. Simply put, the relationship between the league and its union has rarely been better. Commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Marty Walsh appear to have an excellent relationship, something that has been voiced numerous times by both men in public. When the pair announced a new collective bargaining agreement would extend labor peace another four years, Walsh talked about how different negotiations had been compared to some of the other talks he had in his previous labor jobs. Bettman, who has tangled with a number of union heads over the years, couldn't help but chime in on the good vibes at the press conference in Los Angeles. "To say this was a little different – from my standpoint, I assure you this was completely different," Bettman said to Walsh. "And that's a testament to you and the tone you set."

With the paperwork settled, we can all just watch hockey and not worry about the future for at least the next five years. What a time to be alive. It feels like a golden era for the NHL, so let's get this season going and enjoy it.

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Since the pandemic, I have pulled way back on the number of issues on newsstands, from 12 down to just two in 2025, and in 2026, it will be down to just one issue. In addition, the number and types of locations where The Hockey News is on the newsstand have also been slashed. As an example, I have cut all issues from going into any newsstand at any airport, especially in Canada, because the costs imposed by newsstand operators on publishers like The Hockey News is, in my opinion, absolutely ridiculous. In their semi-defense, some of your local airport authorities charge them crazy rents, which is why a two-dollar cup of coffee outside the airport costs six dollars inside the airport. However, no one forced them to sign those leases, and I am not in the business of losing money.

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You might also be surprised that publishers like The Hockey News have to provide a "draw," which is an amount of physical magazines, where as much as 70 percent of the total printed and shipped are "recycled" or end up in a dumpster. It is really an environmental nightmare of a legacy system from the 1960s that was designed to get this and other magazines into your hands, all for the sake of convenience and profits.

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port, flip through a magazine, and when they see the price, many of them just put it back on the rack. I have witnessed this time and again at airports.

As a publisher, I would like The Hockey News to remain on newsstands to attract new readers and potential subscribers. However, the costs of having issues on newsstands have reached a point where 11 out of our 12 issues have lost money on newsstands since the pandemic. Only the YEARBOOK & FANTASY GUIDE that you have in your hands is priced high enough to make it worthwhile for me.

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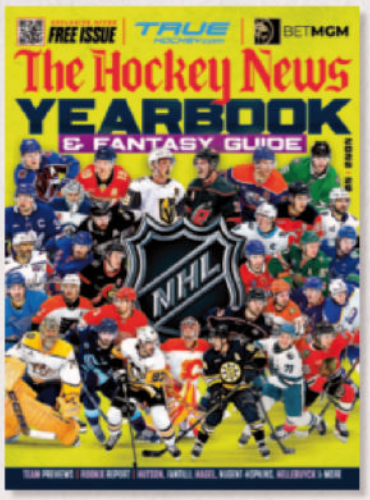

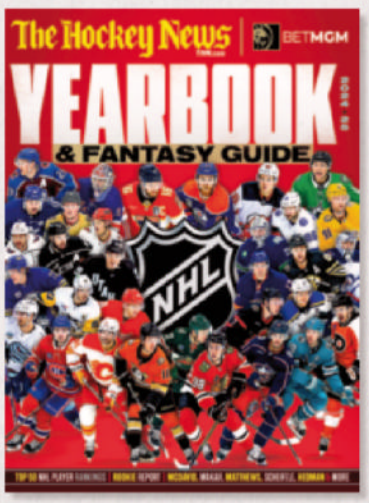

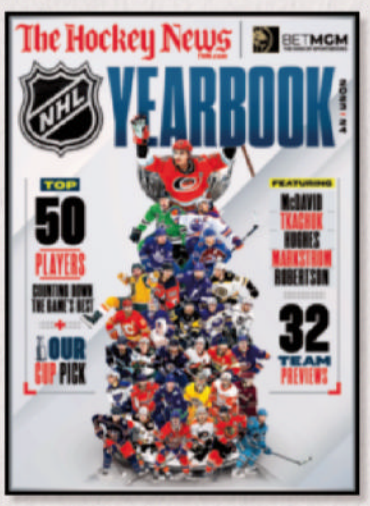

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The success of the 4 Nations Face-Off further whets the appetite for the Italy Olympics in February.

Hello, GOODBYE

With CBA changes on the horizon and seismic shifts underfoot, 2025-26 promises to be a season of transition and upheaval

BY KEN CAMPBELL

AS BOB DYLAN FIRST sang in his seminal protest song, when he recorded it more than six decades ago, "The times, they are a-changin'. " Things are also moving pretty fast, both on and off the ice, in the hockey world these days. The players themselves skate more explosively and get the puck off their sticks quicker than ever, and many of the foundations of the game are shifting, too.

Through all of that, one thing remains constant: the two teams based in Florida will continue to be NHL juggernauts. You know, because of the whole tax thing, and because of the weather, and because players don't face the pressure of the traditional markets, and because they have smart GMs and really good coaches who are able to attract players who want a chance to win every year.

If the Florida Panthers don't get tired of too much winning, they could be the first team to win three consecutive Stanley Cups since the New York Islanders did it four decades ago. It's not as though Jeff Petry should be getting sized for a ring anytime soon, but in a world of change, it's comforting to know that the Panthers have a good chance of making their fourth Stanley Cup final in a row and defeating the Los Angeles Kings – because that's who Corey 'Methuselah' Perry is playing for these days.

Here are 10 other things that will make the 2025-26 NHL season so compelling:

1. THE FIVE-RING CIRCUS

The NHL returns to the Olympics in 2026 in Italy. And if the 4 Nations Face-Off NHL/NHLPA Invitational Memorial Mid-Season Holiday Classic Cup Tournament™ is any indication, this one could offer the best best-on-best hockey we've ever seen. And there will be more than just Canada and the U.S. participating. There will be 10 other teams there, none of them named Russia or Olympic Athletes From Russia or The Hockey Artists Formerly Known As Russians.

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2. THE McDAVID McDECISION

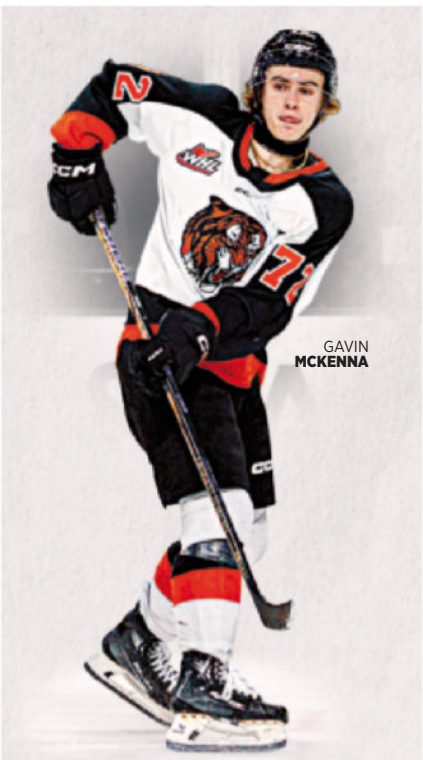
Unless and until Connor McDavid signs a long-term extension with the Edmonton Oilers, every word he speaks, every bit of body language he exhibits, and every move he makes will be parsed and examined and dissected by legions of observers trying to predict what his ultimate plan will be. That's because, as it stood when the ink dried on this publication, McDavid was roughly 10 months away from becoming the most coveted unrestricted free agent of all-time. And he's part of a boffo class that could include Jack Eichel, Kirill Kaprizov, Kyle Connor, Sergei Bobrovsky, Adrian Kempe, Martin Necas and Artemi Panarin.

4. FATE OF THE HOCKEY CANADA 5

In July, Canadian 2018 World Junior Championship team members Carter Hart, Michael McLeod, Dillon Dube, Cal Foote and Alex Formenton were all found not guilty in their highly publicized sexual assault trial. All five are free agents, and while none of them were officially suspended by the NHL, they will need league approval to sign contracts. Commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement the day the verdicts came down: "The allegations made in this case, even if not determined to have been criminal, were very disturbing and the behavior at issue was unacceptable. We will be reviewing and considering the judge's findings. While we conduct that analysis and determine next steps, the players charged in this case are ineligible to play in the league." The NHL Players' Association countered with "(The five players) were acquitted of all charges. After missing more than a full season of their respective NHL careers, they should now have the opportunity to return to work." The NHLPA also said rendering the players ineligible does not follow the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

5. TANKING FOR GAVIN?

Man, these generational talents. I mean, we haven't seen a kid like Gavin McKenna in, what, two years? The former star for the Medicine Hat Tigers of the WHL (more on that later) has emerged as the top prospect for the 2026 NHL draft (more on that later, too), and it would take a seismic shift in the landscape for that to change. McKenna was still 16 when the WHL season began in 2024-25, and all he did was score 129 points in 56 games and lead his team to a WHL championship and a berth in the Memorial Cup. (New nickname proposal: Shooter McGavin. It just works on so many levels.)

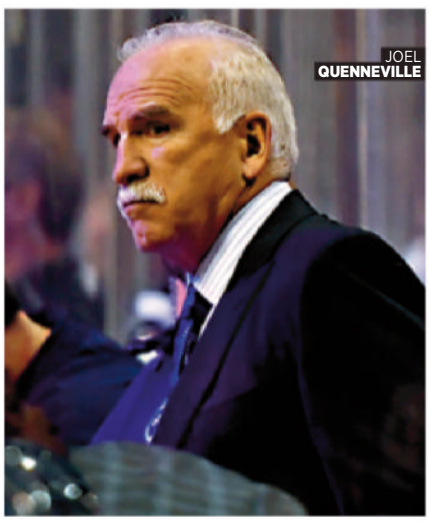


6. COLLEGE BOYS, EH?

McKenna will not be chasing the mantle of first overall as a member of the Tigers, since he took his talents to Penn State for $700,000 in NIL money, all of which became possible when the NCAA changed its arcane rules to allow CHL players to play in its leagues. As of early August, more than 60 players with remaining major-junior eligibility had committed to college teams for this season or beyond. It's a massive change to the dynamic, and it's one that will benefit the players, who no longer face a potentially life-defining decision at 16. It will take time for the dust to settle, and it may seem like the Wild West out there for a while, but this will be a good thing.

3. NEW-OLD FACES, NEW PLACES

Nine of the league's 32 teams will have new coaches running their benches, many of whom are tried-and-true products of the NHL's highly successful recycling system. There's Joel Quenneville in Anaheim, Jeff Blashill in Chicago, Glen Gulutzan in Dallas, Mike Sullivan with the New York Rangers, Rick Tocchet in Philadelphia and Lane Lambert in Seattle. Among the first-time NHL coaches are Marco Sturm in Boston, the pensive and reflective Dan Muse in Pittsburgh and Adam Foote in Vancouver. Ken Holland in Los Angeles and Jason Botterill in Seattle take another try at GMing, while Mathieu Darche with the New York Islanders gets his first crack at running a hockey department.



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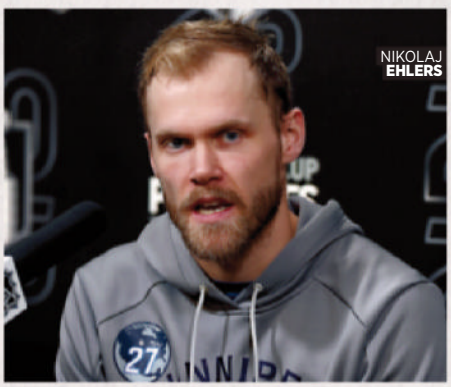
7. KUMBAYA ON THE LABOR FRONT

In late June, the NHL and NHLPA announced they had reached a deal to extend the CBA for four years, thus guaranteeing labor peace until at least after 2029-30, at which time a 108-year-old Corey Perry figures to be losing in the Stanley Cup final with the Atlanta ThirdTimesTheCharms. That means the 2025-26 season, the final one for the existing deal, will represent the last 82-game schedule, the last of the eight-year contract and the last where some players will be making less than $800,000 a year. Also, get your LTIR-loophole exploitation in while you still can.


NIKOLAJ **EHLERS**

8. YOU CALL THAT A SALARY CAP?

This is first of three years in a row in which the salary cap will take a major tick upward. This season, teams are able to spend $95.5 million, which helped allow Vegas to sign Mitch Marner and Carolina to ink Nikolaj Ehlers as UFAs. The cap goes up to $104 million in 2026-27 and $113.5 million in 2027-28. And it will likely keep going up, so if you thought $5 million a year was a ridiculous price for a run-of-the-mill third-line center, wait until you see that guy pulling down $6.5 million.

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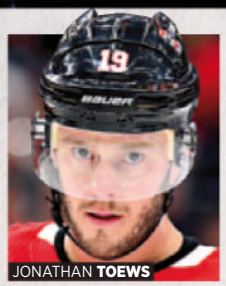
JONATHAN **TOEWS**

9. TOEWS (AND WE DON'T MEAN DEVON) TIME

Who says nobody wants to play in Winnipeg? Native son and future Hall of Famer Jonathan Toews, who hasn't played in the NHL since 2023 because of illness and hasn't appeared in a playoff game in five years, chose the Jets on a one-year deal for his much-anticipated return to the NHL. The three-time Stanley Cup winner figures to slot onto the second line behind Mark Scheifele and gives the Jets a huge boost to their own title hopes if he remains healthy.

10. DRAFT DEBACLE DECISION

After pulling off one of its most impressive spectacles at the 2024 draft at The Sphere in Las Vegas, the league presented a clunky, awkward and agonizingly long event in 2025 after GMs voted 26-6 to decentralize the process in an effort to save money and have the privacy of a war room. It was, well, a disaster, but the league – to the surprise of many – voted to use the format again for 2026. Can they find a way to overhaul the event to have an NBA level of success with it?

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Calder CHASE

The race for rookie of the year promises to be an exciting one among a class buoyed by an older-than-usual cohort

BY RYAN KENNEDY

MAKING THE JUMP TO the NHL is difficult for almost every player, even those who come in as highly touted prospects. Luckily for this year's rookie class, several of the kids have already had their baptism by fire. Not only did they make their NHL debuts last year, but some of them even logged playoff minutes, seeing pro hockey at its most intense. Whether that gives them a leg up as they try to string together a full 82-game slate in 2025-26 remains to be seen – but it can't hurt, right?

Overall, this will be a slightly older rookie crop. You've got Russians who cut their teeth in the KHL and NCAA alums who spent at least a couple of years in school before turning pro.

As for the 2025 draft class, it will be interesting to see who can jump straight from the stage to the NHL. Last year, San Jose's Macklin Celebrini was the only player from the 2024 draft to play the full NHL season. And with the NCAA now an option for CHL players, there is another developmental step for those too good for junior but too young for the AHL. Here are 10 names to keep an eye on in this year's freshman NHL class.

IVAN DEMIDOV RW, MTL

THE ANTICIPATION FOR DEMIDOV in Montreal was red-hot, and the talented winger did not disappoint during an end-of-season stint. The dazzling 19-year-old brought show-stopping skill in two regular-season games and five playoff matches, tallying a goal and four points in the process. With Demidov's solid frame and excellent instincts, he'll be an obvious contender for the Calder Trophy, especially with the scoring opportunities he can seize for himself in the Canadiens' lineup. Should Demidov nab himself a consistent role on a scoring line, the No. 5 pick from the 2024 draft will be in a position to be the next fan favorite in Montreal.

JIMMY SNUGGERUD RW, STL

ANOTHER PLAYER WHO HAS already dipped his toe into NHL waters, Snuggerud stayed for a third season at the University of Minnesota to try and win an NCAA title, so he was ready for the pros. Unfortunately for the Golden Gophers, Snuggerud couldn't secure that title last season, but he did continue to develop his game, which was great news for the Blues. Snuggerud played a combined 14 games for St. Louis between the regular season and playoffs, racking up an impressive eight points during that span. He has a wicked shot and good size, not to mention a plum opportunity in St. Louis.

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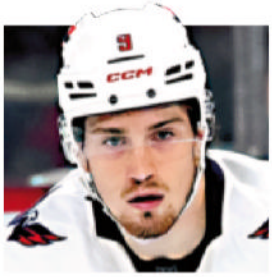
ALEXANDER **NIKISHIN** D, CAR

CANES FANS (NOT TO MENTION MANAGEMENT) were incredibly patient waiting for Nikishin, a 2020 third-rounder who has already won an Olympic silver medal and twice led the KHL in points by a defenseman. Still Calder eligible (he turns 24 in October), Nikishin will be one of the older rookies in the league, but he does have some NHL experience thanks to four playoff games with Carolina from last season. During that stretch, he showed great confidence and made his presence felt with his physicality and tenacious defense. Nikishin also has a big shot at his disposal, so he'll be an all-around threat for the Hurricanes.

RYAN **LEONARD** RW, WSH

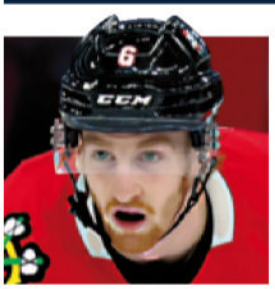


WASHINGTON IS COMING OFF a charmed season that saw the veteran squad thrive while folding in some youngsters. Leonard, who joined the Capitals after another stellar year at Boston College, doesn't have to be a scorer right away to be effective. He has the grit, physicality and tenacity to drive foes crazy, but he can also produce. Leonard had back-to-back 30-goal years in college, and that was with a schedule that had 41 games. A two-time WJC gold medallist, he got into nine regular-season games and eight playoff contests with the Caps last year.

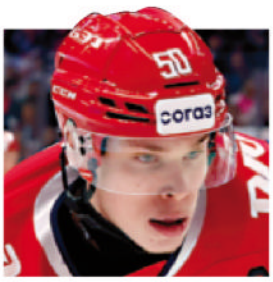
ZEEV **BUIUM** D, MIN

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP for the Wild, as one young blueliner – Brock Faber – has already become a star, while another waits in the wings. Buium won the 2024 Frozen Four with Denver and twice won gold with Team USA at the WJC. He's a dynamic force on the back end who put up 98 points over 83 games in his college career. Buium, an absolute steal with the 12th overall pick in the 2024 draft, got a taste of the NHL when he joined Minnesota for the playoffs, suiting up for four games and registering one assist against Vegas.

SAM **RINZEL** D, CHI



HE WAS A RAW project when the Hawks took him in the first round of the 2022 draft, but after another season in the USHL and two with NCAA Minnesota, Rinzel is ready for the pro ranks. An excellent skater with great size, he used his time with the Gophers to build strength and bulk, which will serve him well while defending against NHL competition. In a nine-game stint with Chicago last year, he had an impressive five points. The team also has top prospect Artyom Levshunov knocking on the door, so competition on the Hawks' blueline will be fierce.



DANIL **BUT** LW, UTH

MAMMOTH GM BILL ARMSTRONG pulled off one of the bigger draft-day shocks in recent years when he tabbed But and Russian teammate Dmitriy Simashev with early first-round choices in 2023, back when the club was still in Arizona. Now, it's time for Utah to reap the rewards. But is a massive kid with a great shot and smooth skating ability, plus he's coming off a KHL title with Yaroslavl. Similarly, Simashev is a huge defenseman who is also a great skater and who also won that KHL title. Either could jump right into the Mammoth lineup, though But might have a better chance immediately.

ZAYNE **PAREKH** D, CGY

IT WAS A BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED season for the Flames, but make no mistake, this team still needs a major infusion of talent. One of the youngsters tasked with leading the charge is Parekh, the dynamic rearguard who made his NHL debut in April. Parekh scored in that game against Los Angeles, and based on his junior career (where he set an OHL record for goals by a 16-year-old 'D' with 21), there's more where that came from. An offensive defenseman who can run a power play and transition the puck up the ice, the former OHL Saginaw star is very much a modern-style NHL D-man.

MATTHEW **SCHAEFER** D, NYI

TRUE, HE ONLY PLAYED 17 games for OHL Erie last year, but if anybody can buck the odds, it's Schaefer, the No. 1 pick in the 2025 draft. A do-everything D-man with size, skating and skill, Schaefer had his draft year marred by an early case of mono and then a broken collarbone sustained at the WJC, where his absence caused Team Canada to self-destruct. The fact that the Islanders traded Noah Dobson to Montreal opens up an important spot on New York's blueline, and while it would be folly to assume Schaefer could play heavy minutes right away, he could certainly pick up some of the slack.

STIAN **SOLBERG** D, ANA

PERHAPS A SLEEPER HERE, but Solberg ended his 2024-25 season with an incredible showing for Norway at the men's worlds. He led the team in scoring with six points in seven games (including a hat trick against the United States) while averaging 25:30 in ice time. In 10 games with AHL San Diego after wrapping up his time with Farjestad of the Swedish League, Solberg had five points. But his calling card will be his play in his own end, where the 6-foot-2, 194-pounder plays a physical, aggressive game. Consider him the heir apparent to Jacob Trouba and Radko Gudas in Anaheim.

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106.00 Mph

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105.05 MPH

3. MICHAEL KESSELRING, UTH
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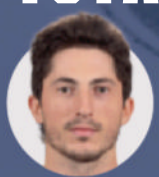

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ADAM FANTILLI

HIGH-DANGER SHOOTING % AMONG FORWARDS

1. ADAM FANTILLI, CLB

46.3%

2. TAGE THOMPSON, BUF
44.7%

3. MORGAN GEEKIE, BOS
41.9%

ANDERS LEE

SHOTS OVER 100 MPH

1. TAGE THOMPSON, BUF

5 Shots

2. RYAN PULOCK, NYI
4 SHOTS

T-3. RADKO GUDAS, ANA
2 SHOTS

HIGH-DANGER SHOTS

1. ANDERS LEE, NYI

131 Shots

2. ZACH HYMAN, EDM
125 SHOTS

3. JAKE GUENTZEL, TB
111 SHOTS

DARCY KUEMPER

HIGH-DANGER SAVE PERCENTAGE

1. DARCY KUEMPER, LA

.863 SP

2. ANDREI VASILEVSKIY, TB
.853 SP

3. ANTHONY STOLARZ, TOR
.849 SP

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IN GOOD COMPANY

Just one year into his NHL career and Lane Hutson has already etched himself into Habs lore. And like Ken Dryden before him, he's only just getting started

BY JARED CLINTON

IF YOU ARE THE company you keep, Lane Hutson could do a whole lot worse than Ken Dryden.

In no way, of course, are the two contemporaries. Hutson, 21, is around one-quarter of Dryden's age (the Hall of Famer celebrated his 78th birthday this summer). Heck, the two are separated by enough years that Hutson's father, Rob, was barely on skates of his own by the time the iconic Habs netminder called it a career.

But it's not just age separating Hutson and Dryden. The two, by many metrics and manners, couldn't be further apart. One is a diminutive defenseman, the other a towering keeper. The former exists in the age of high-definition highlight-reel footage, whereas the latter's grainy game tape only adds to his legend.

Award lineage, though, has a habit of bridging generations, and Hutson and Dryden are now inextricably linked by virtue of the Calder Trophy. Before Hutson won the NHL's top-rookie honor, it had been more than five decades since a Montreal Canadien – Dryden, in 1971-72 – had earned the accolade. "It's a pretty crazy thing," Hutson said, "when you think of the history of the Canadiens."

He's right, though it's not as if others hadn't come close. Brendan Gallagher was the runner-up in 2013. Michael Ryder, too, in 2004. And before them, there was Chris Chelios in 1985, though he finished a distant – and we mean *distant* – second to Mario Lemieux.

It says plenty about Hutson's otherworldly rookie performance, however, that he not only accomplished what his predecessors

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did not but did so in overwhelming fashion against a truly Grade-A freshman class. Up against Dustin Wolf, Macklin Celebrini and Matvei Michkov, Hutson garnered 1,832 of a possible 1,910 points in Calder voting – that's 95.92 percent of the vote.

But perhaps that's not surprising. After all, his statistical output was the dictionary definition of exceptional. His 60 assists tied Larry Murphy's record, set in 1980-81, for a rookie rearguard. Hutson's 66 points were the most by a first-year blueliner since Brian Leetch in 1988-89. But that doesn't mean Hutson believed – or even paid attention to – his own hype. "There's so many great rookies that were playing this year, and, honestly, all of them were pretty deserving," he said. "It never really crossed my mind, and I never really thought about it."

In fairness, there wasn't much time for Hutson's attention to be anywhere other than squarely on Montreal's season.

Arriving in the midst of a rebuild many suspected would last for at least a few more years, Hutson played a big hand in what was a transformative campaign for Montreal. Offensively, the Habs leapt nine places year-over-year to finish with the NHL's 17th-best attack. On 'D,' they jumped up five spots, posting the 22nd-best goals-against total. While neither is particularly brilliant, the combination of the two – along with a dash of goaltending, timely scoring and youthful exuberance – allowed Hutson and the Canadiens to punch their tickets to the playoffs.

And it's nailing down a post-season berth in Game 82, not the Calder, that Hutson is proudest of when looking back on the campaign. "You don't know what could happen throughout a full season, and to be fighting until the end, it was pretty awesome," he said. "I'm definitely happy we got there, but I'm not satisfied with that."

down to the little things, like in-game adjustments, reacting on the fly and becoming more unpredictable. "That's something that some of the best players do," he said. "They adapt and know how to problem-solve different things. That's something that I'm learning and something that I want to add, is to just have different layers to my game."

And the very real prospect of Hutson elevating beyond his freshman form is as tantalizing for Montreal as it is terrifying for the rest of the NHL.

KAIDEN GUHLE & LANE HUTSON

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Hard as it might be to believe, the Canadiens' first-round playoff exit isn't the only thing with which Hutson is dissatisfied. He'll acknowledge that, yes, as the season went on, he began to adjust to life in the NHL. He became accustomed to the schedule, the grind of back-to-backs, the pace of play and high-stakes hockey. But Hutson can't help but feel he can make an even greater impact. That comes

If the Canadiens have their way, too, they will ensure Hutson is central to the long-term future of the franchise. And perhaps they've got nothing to worry about, as Hutson sure sounds like a player who has fallen in love with the magic and the fan base of the Bleu, Blanc et Rouge. "When you go on the road for however many games, you always look forward to the next one back home," he said. "They're the heartbeat of our team, and it's what makes playing in Montreal so special. We have a pretty special thing going on in Montreal, and I'm just fortunate that I get to be a part of it."

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MOST VALUABLE MINDSET

Fresh off a career-best year that saw him take home both the Hart and the Vezina, Connor Hellebuyck is staying even-keeled even as the accolades continue piling up BY CAROL SCHRAM

IN 2020, THE FIRST time the NHL's GMs tagged Connor Hellebuyck as the NHL's best goalie, Hall of Famer Grant Fuhr broke the news on a video call. Hellebuyck was well-prepared, looking tidy in a collared shirt and with a list of thank-yous in hand.

When the longtime Winnipeg Jet was named the Vezina Trophy winner for the second time in 2024, he accepted the accolade in traditional fashion. Stepping to the

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stage of a Las Vegas theatre, outfitted in a sharp-looking black suit, he was presented with his replica trophy by Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz and comedian Jay Pharoah.

This spring, at 32, Hellebuyck made his biggest splash yet, winning his third Vezina and becoming just the eighth goalie in NHL history to claim the Hart.

As the surprise presentation unfolded on the waterfront lawn of his off-season home in Michigan, there was no opportunity to dress for the occasion. Fresh from a day on the lake with his agent, Ray Petkau, Hellebuyck hoisted his hardware and hugged his loved ones while decked out in cargo shorts, a baseball cap and a hooded sweatshirt that read: "If you can read this, you're fishing too close."

The NHL set out to generate less awkward stiffness and more heartfelt emotion with its award presentations this year. As Hellebuyck's wife, Andrea, said, fishing is what he "loves the most – besides hockey." Fans got to see an authentic slice of his life in the video package.

Since goalies have their own dedicated award, and because they don't play all 82 games, only monumental performances catch the attention of the Professional Hockey Writers Association members who vote for the Hart. Hellebuyck's win made him the first netminder to earn MVP honors since Carey Price in 2014-15.

In his 10th season with the Jets, he backstopped the NHL's smallest-market franchise to its first Presidents' Trophy. He also earned the William M. Jennings Trophy, an award given to the goalie or goalies on the NHL team that gives up the fewest goals – the second time in a row he's won the honor.

Hellebuyck's predilection for heavy workloads has twice granted him sole possession of the Jennings, which requires a goalie to make at least 25 appearances. In 2024-25, his 63 regular-season appearances marked

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the fifth time that he has shared or outright led that category. He also led qualified stoppers in wins (47), goals-against average (2.00) and shutouts (eight) this year.

To keep his sharpness, Hellebuyck aims for a full night off when he's backing up. "The way that I usually handle it is telling the other guy, 'You're not coming out, no matter what,' " he said. "Make him feel good that no matter what's going to happen, he's in."

For the most part, that plan has also worked well for his partners, too. Back in Winnipeg for a third tour of duty last season, Eric Comrie put up a 2.39 GAA and .914 save percentage in 20 appearances, the most of his career to date.

But even the best-laid plans occasionally go awry. In March, Hellebuyck made his first relief appearance in more than five years – logging 10:10 of ice time after Comrie was pulled by a concussion spotter just over three minutes into a road game against the Seattle Kraken. "You've got to be realistic with yourself," Hellebuyck said. "It doesn't happen every day. Enjoy the experience. All you can do is control what you can control. That's the effort you put forward and trying your best."

Hellebuyck's rise has been remarkable for a goalie who was unranked by NHL Central Scouting. When he was drafted by the Jets in the fifth round (130th overall) in 2012, he was playing for the North American League's Odessa Jackalopes, a Tier II junior squad, after he'd successfully made the team following an invitation to tryout camp.

But he was recruited to play Div. I hockey at UMass-Lowell, and from there, his star rose quickly. As a sophomore, he was named the NCAA's goalie of the year following back-to-back Hockey East championships – which remain among his fondest memories in the sport. "We had their student section and our student section going back and forth, having chants," he said. "That was pretty electric."

In 2014-15, Hellebuyck turned pro, playing 58 games and putting up a .921 SP after quickly assuming the starter's role for the AHL's St. John's IceCaps. After signing on as Team USA's third goalie at the 2014 World Championship, he returned a year later and claimed bronze in Prague – being named to the tournament all-star team after finishing with a 39-save shutout in another amped-up building as he outduelled 43-year-old Czech legend and tournament MVP Jaromir Jagr in the final international event of Jagr's career. "They had their own unique chants, songs and game-day production," Hellebuyck said. "I remember it for those reasons – it being so different and a really cool experience."

> "The reason I play the game is to win"
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> -CONNOR HELLEBUYCK

With the mental toughness he's honed over his career, Hellebuyck channels his off-ice energies into championing mental health. In 2023, he published two children's books on the subject as part of Project 11, the mental-health-awareness initiative for youth that was founded to continue the efforts of former Manitoba Moose Rick Rypien, who died by suicide in 2011.

And while the Hart is an important acknowledgment of personal success, winning a championship is the real goal. After the Americans' second-place finish at February's 4 Nations Face-Off and coming up short in the Jets' second-round playoff series, another shot at international glory – this time at the Olympics – and a Cup run with Winnipeg await. "The best way I can go about it is being realistic with myself," he said. "You've got to enjoy getting better, and you've got to enjoy really learning the game, because when goals happen, you use it as a learning experience as opposed to, 'I failed at that.'

"The reason I play the game is to win. I never go out not expecting to give my all."

Hellebuyck has lots to play for this season after coming up short at the 4 Nations and in the NHL playoffs.

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ADAM'S EVE

We saw a sample of the dominant player Adam Fantilli can be last season. Are we on the precipice of witnessing a full-on star emerge in Ohio? BY KEN CAMPBELL

IMAGINE BEING TOLD you're ruining your kid's life. Not his career. Not his hockey experience. His life. How would that make you feel? That was what Giuliano Fantilli faced six years ago when he had the temerity to allow his gifted, hockey-playing son to take the road less travelled to play hockey with his older brother, whom he missed terribly. But as Giuliano watched that son, Columbus Blue Jackets center Adam, at a morning skate in Toronto late last season, he took no pride in proving those people wrong. It's just that perhaps people who don't know much shouldn't be so quick to share their opinions. But that's youth hockey, eh?

And, make no mistake, things turned out just fine for Adamo Giuliano Fantilli, last season's excruciating playoff miss with the Blue Jackets notwithstanding. At 20, Fantilli has a 30-goal NHL season to his credit and has become the No. 1 center Columbus has coveted, well, forever. (Or at least since the fan base was begging for someone who could get the puck to Rick Nash.) Prior to that, Fantilli won a USHL championship in 2020-21, and then he was the best player in college hockey and won gold medals at the world juniors and World Championship *all in the same 2022-23 season*. He's big and talented, and when he learns that he doesn't have to try to win the game on every shift, he'll be an elite player in the NHL.

Yes, things are good for Fantilli. And no, his life was not ruined. "It really upset me when people said that to my dad," Fantilli said. "Because those were the same people who were calling him and asking him for advice later on for their kids. He handled that really well."

When Fantilli was 14 and entering his final year of youth hockey, he was all set to join the juggernaut Toronto Jr. Canadiens of the Greater Toronto League. His older brother, Luca, was playing prep-school hockey at the Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. Adam initially didn't think the level of hockey would be enough of a challenge – until he visited his brother for a weekend early in the season. The hockey was good. Really good. But more importantly, Adam desperately missed his older brother. So he decided he wanted to play there instead.

The Jr. Canadiens did not stand in his way, even though it meant they would lose the best player in the league and the undisputed No. 1 prospect for the 2020 OHL draft. Fantilli went to Kimball Union, then eschewed the OHL to play two years for the Chicago Steel before spending a year at the University of Michigan. He got to play with his brother both in Chicago and at Michigan, where Luca will be a senior this season. "He's my best friend," Adam said of Luca, 22. "He's the man. Anyone who knows him loves him. He's so much fun to be around, and he levels me out a little bit."

Not that Fantilli needs much levelling out, but like any other young player, consistency can sometimes be elusive. But when Sean

When the injury bug hit the Blue Jackets last year, Fantilli raised his game to become a true No. 1 center.

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Year 3 often serves as a break-out season for elite youngsters. Will Fantilli follow suit and become a star?

Monahan sustained a wrist injury that required surgery in January, Fantilli stepped up and became the Blue Jackets' No. 1 center, responding with 12 goals and 23 points and playing a two-way game in the 28 contests Monahan missed. Included in that were two hat tricks, one in Toronto in January and another at Madison Square Garden in March.

From the Toronto game, there's a cute video of Fantilli's mother, Julia, removing her hat as Fantilli takes a pass from Kirill Marchenko on an empty-net 2-on-1, and just as her son is taking the shot, she becomes the first person to toss the hat on the ice. "That was actually my hat," Giuliano said. "I said to her after, 'You probably would have felt pretty stupid if he had missed, right?' " And as the Blue Jackets were desperately chasing down a playoff spot in the final week of the season, Fantilli had back-to-back two-goal games in wins over the Washington Capitals and a goal against the Philadelphia Flyers to keep the Blue Jackets in contention until Game 82.

There has not been a lot to feel good about in Columbus for a while, and the deaths of Johnny Gaudreau and his brother, Matthew, in the summer gave the franchise every excuse to be distracted and unfocused. But the opposite occurred, and Fantilli was a big part of that.

And this is huge for the Blue Jackets, who you could argue have never had a true No. 1 center. They thought they had one when they drafted Gilbert Brule sixth overall in 2005 and Derick Brassard in the same spot the next year. They really thought they had one when they took Ryan Johansen fourth overall in 2010 and really, really thought they had one when they passed on Matthew Tkachuk and Clayton Keller to take Pierre-Luc Dubois third overall in 2016. With Johansen and Dubois, they had one for a little while – until they dealt Johansen to get Seth Jones and things went sideways with Dubois.

Both the Blue Jackets and Fantilli are counting on more staying power this time around. "I want to be that guy," Fantilli said. "That's what I was drafted to be, and I want to be that player. I was given a big opportunity with 'Monny' out, and I was really proud of how I was able to play in that situation. I do want to be that player eventually, and hopefully, it's sooner rather than later."

Johansen and Dubois both had seasons early in their careers that were every bit as good as Fantilli's was in 2024-25, so anything can happen. But to say the Blue Jackets are pleased with the way Fantilli has developed in his first two seasons in Columbus would be an understatement. They, too, were pretty proud of the way Fantilli played in Monahan's absence. "It's one thing to have skill and be offensive and be able to score goals," said Columbus coach Dean Evason, "but you have to be able to keep it out of the net and play a heavier and harder game, and he's committed to every one of those things."

All of the physical tools are there and on display – the size, the speed, the shot, the hands – and it's plain to see that he's assembling them quite nicely. Now, it's a matter of managing the game. The Blue Jackets were encouraged by the fact there were several times last season when he took over and was a difference-maker for them.

He's finding the balance in his approach, and he continues to create more space for himself and his linemates, especially in the offensive zone when he backs off defenders who have to respect his skill and drive. "It's

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> "I want to be that guy. **That's what I was drafted to be** -ADAM FANTILLI

how to manage the game, when to be patient and when to take the bull by the horns," said James van Riemsdyk, who played with Fantilli last season before signing with Detroit in July. "That's a process for any young player to figure out. It's things like when to use your teammates, when to make more of a 1-on-1 play, and I think he's finding that balance really well. You could see when that started to click for him, he started having a lot of success. It's been fun to watch his growth as a player."

Elite players often have a history of really busting out offensively in their third NHL seasons. So, after the personal and team success he had last season, Fantilli being a point-per-game player on a playoff-bound Columbus team in 2025-26 is not out of the realm of possibility. Fantilli has had success everywhere he has ever played. And by forging his own path in the face of so much scrutiny, he has proven he can excel in almost any environment.

There is a fair bit of positive juju surrounding the Blue Jackets these days, and Fantilli is a big part of that. "I've always been pretty confident in my abilities as a player," Fantilli said. "It helps that I've played with a lot of great players and had some pretty good success at a team level. When you experience those things, that's where the confidence comes from."

Fantilli and the Blue Jackets are hoping that confidence can translate into tangible success. Because if any franchise is deserving of some good things happening to it, it's the Blue Jackets. H

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Long gone is 'Nuge' the newbie. Now on the back nine of his career – all with the Oilers – he's a well-seasoned grizzled veteran, even if he doesn't have the playoff beard to match

BY RYAN KENNEDY

FROM PAIN TO GAIN

AT 32 YEARS OLD, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is inching into greybeard territory as an NHLer.

With 14 seasons and approaching 1,000 games of service, he's been with the Edmonton Oilers longer than any current player. But you won't find any actual grey in his beard – in fact, he wasn't even rocking one in the playoffs. While teammates such as Mattias Ekholm (a.k.a. 'The Viking Warrior') and Connor McDavid had full, bushy bristles, Nugent-Hopkins was sporting a Van Dyke in the Stanley Cup final. And frankly, that may be all he can grow. Nugent-Hopkins still has that youthful glow about him, and while he no longer looks like the teen Edmonton drafted first overall back in 2011, he also doesn't bear any physical effects of the down years that accompanied his early seasons with the Oilers.

Now that he has been part of two consecutive trips to the final, he can look back on that time with perspective. "Those were fun years for me as a young kid coming into the league," he said. "But it could be frustrating at times when the team isn't having success. You learn a lot about how hard it is to win in this league and how important the little things are. It's been a ton of fun to see our team evolve and put together some runs – two years in a row now."

When 'Nuge' came into the league in 2011, the Oilers were far from the team they are now. They hadn't made the playoffs since losing the final to the Carolina Hurricanes in 2006, and they were in the midst of a span that saw seven coaches behind the bench in eight years. Nugent-Hopkins was also famously the second of three consecutive first-overall picks, following Taylor Hall and preceding Nail Yakupov. The rest of the hockey world crowed about Edmonton's lottery luck, but it didn't really matter: the Oilers still weren't winning.

The most positive development for Nugent-Hopkins during those early years was the NHL lockout in 2012. Although he'd finished third in team scoring as a rookie the season prior, the lockout forced Edmonton to send Nugent-Hopkins, Hall and Jordan Eberle to the AHL, where they ended up getting bonus development time with Okla-

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homa City. "It was a really cool experience for me," Nugent-Hopkins said. "I had the one year of experience in the NHL before OKC, and we were just a bunch of kids again. It was obviously a higher level, and everything is ramped up compared to junior, but you're kind of a kid again. You're hanging out with the guys every day, and I got to play at the world juniors, so I do think it was more development than I might have got if I was still in the NHL that year."

At the time, it was a temporary respite from being on a struggling team, but those playing against him in those early years saw Nugent-Hopkins' emerging talent. "You could see he was smart," said former teammate Corey Perry, who saw a lot of Edmonton when he was a star with the Anaheim Ducks. "His IQ was off the charts, and he works. He's hard on his stick, he battles, and if you watched our games, he wins a lot of 1-on-1 battles – more than he loses, I'll tell you that. And you could see that early on."

Although Nugent-Hopkins, Hall and Eberle quickly became the offensive drivers in Edmonton, the culture just wasn't there in the room. Captain Andrew Ference was basically on his own, with few other credible veterans to back him up, while the team had three coaches in 2014-15 alone, with then-GM Craig MacTavish being one of those on an interim basis between Dallas Eakins and Todd Nelson. In fact, it took another first-overall selection to truly turn things around in Edmonton.

On April 18, 2015, the NHL held its draft lottery with updated rules that decreased the odds for the league's four worst teams. But the Oilers, who finished third-last overall, won anyway, giving the organization its fourth No. 1 selection in six years. The prize, of course, was the right to draft McDavid. Needless to say, Nugent-Hopkins was enthused, and he wasn't about to wait for the Oilers to make it official two months later. "He was one of the first people to ever reach out to me in the organization," McDavid said. "It was only a couple days after the draft lottery that he sent me a text. I thought he was pulling my leg or something. I didn't believe it at first. It definitely meant a lot."

Nugent-Hopkins, 22 at the time with four NHL seasons under his belt, joked that he was "pretty confident" the Oilers would be selecting McDavid when the draft itself eventually came around, but you couldn't blame him for getting caught up in the anticipation. "Yeah, it was pretty wild," Nugent-Hopkins said. "Like everybody in Edmonton, we were pretty excited to say the least. We didn't expect it, so I might have jumped the gun early on the text, but we were pretty confident. Definitely a cool moment for the city and the team."

An injury cut short McDavid's impact as a rookie, limiting him to 45 games, but he still managed 48 points, good for third on the team. No longer called upon to drive the offense with Hall and Eberle, Nugent-Hopkins had begun transitioning into more of a supporting role to the Oilers' new superstar. One year later, as McDavid hit 100 points, Nugent-Hopkins and the Oilers were back in the playoffs, where they beat San Jose in the first round before falling to a veteran Ducks team. Hall was already gone, traded to New Jersey in the summer for defenseman Adam Larsson ("the trade is one for one"), as was Yakupov, who never really found his footing in the NHL and headed back to Russia after six seasons (four in Edmonton). But the emerging core in Edmonton was even more exciting now: McDavid and Nugent-Hopkins were joined by defenseman Darnell Nurse and a big center from Germany named Leon Draisaitl. Most importantly, however, the culture was changing.

"When you get a guy like Connor that doesn't come around often – or ever – you have to build a winning team around him," Nugent-Hopkins said. "He's going to do a lot of that by himself, and he's been a huge part of driving this culture into a winning one. You bring in guys around him who have experience, and it naturally progresses. You have to get in and have some runs, experience some hard losses to really understand different things and grow your game as a team and as individuals, and that's something we've done the past 10 years."

As for Draisaitl, like Nugent-Hopkins in 2011, he may not have come into the league with as much hype as McDavid, but then again, who has? Coming out of his wild 2014 draft class, which also featured Aaron Ekblad, Sam Reinhart and Sam Bennett (the four have now played each other twice in a row in the Cup final), Draisaitl was a major talent in the CHL as well, becoming a leader in Prince Albert before finishing off his WHL career in Kelowna, where he helped the Rockets win a league championship. While McDavid kills with speed, Draisaitl does it with power, and whenever the Oilers load up or get on the power play, you can bet McDavid will find Draisaitl in his office at the right side of the net, ready to pound in a one-timer. Late in the Dallas series, with Edmonton in need of a push, TV cameras caught

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the pair oh-so-subtly glance at each other on the bench, as if to say "time to take this thing over." Spoiler alert, they did. "We've definitely developed a sense and understanding of what the other one is thinking at any given moment," McDavid said. "Leo and I have a great understanding of each other, and sometimes, all it takes is a look."

Not only have the pair given the Oilers two of the world's most dangerous offensive weapons, but they've also helped build that culture that was sorely missing in Nugent-Hopkins' first four seasons. Their mental toughness has been key to team success. "It's almost just as important and speaks to their level of competitiveness and their drive to win," Nugent-Hopkins said. "It's something, as players, we look to and follow. It's so impressive on a day-to-day basis that it pushes you, too. They're two of the most talented players we've probably ever seen in the game. But it has to be more than that, and those two guys have that. They want to win so bad, it's easy to follow them."

> "He's that Swiss Army Knife; **you can insert him anywhere** -MATTIAS EKHOLM

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And Nugent-Hopkins did follow them to an entirely different level. In 2022-23, he exploded for 37 goals and 104 points, more than doubling his production from the season prior. A big reason was his inclusion on a devastating power play that clicked at 32.4 percent – better than the 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens, any of the dynasty New York Islanders teams and even the Gretzky-era Oilers. Nugent-Hopkins finished the campaign with 53 power-play points, third in the league to McDavid and Draisaitl

Ekholm started that year with the Nashville Predators, so he knew firsthand what 'RNH' brought to the table before a trade made them teammates in Edmonton. "Yeah, it's frustrating to play against him because he always seems to be on the right side of things," Ekholm said. "He's a gifted scorer and a gifted passer, but the thing that stands out for me is his two-way game. He's never out of a situation. Always in the right spot. Always helping his D-man. He's that Swiss Army Knife; you can insert him anywhere."

On top of that, Nugent-Hopkins found his own leadership style along the way, and now, he's also a big part of Edmonton's culture. "He's a very calm guy and one of those guys who, when he speaks up, you listen," Ekholm said. "Those are key guys on a team, and we're super happy to have Ryan."

That 104-point campaign has been the high-water mark for Nugent-Hopkins. But even with less production the past two seasons, his value as an all-around player has translated into playoff success for the Oilers. Although Edmonton again fell in the final to Florida, Nugent-Hopkins was a big reason why the Oilers plowed through the Western Conference bracket. Playing both center and wing during the run, he finished the postseason with 20 points in 22 games – but he wasn't even healthy for the most important series. As McDavid noted in the aftermath of the final, Nugent-Hopkins played that series against the Panthers with a broken hand, which explains why he was often mentioned as a game-time decision during the final.

As painful as it must be to lose two championships in a row – and to the same opponent, no less – it's a good time to be a member of the Edmonton Oilers. With all the talent the franchise has assembled, the team is still one to watch in the West this year, and Nugent-Hopkins will again be a key cog.

For those who have followed the Oilers since the beginning of his NHL career, Nugent-Hopkins is a gem. One of those fans, it turns out, is goalie Stuart Skinner, who grew up in Edmonton and used to go to games and chant "Nuuuuge!" like everyone else. "He does bring it up, and it does age me a bit," Nugent-Hopkins said. "He is an Edmonton kid, so it's cool to play with him now."

Sometime next season, Nugent-Hopkins will pass 1,000 NHL games, and every single one will have come in an Oilers jersey. It's not something he takes for granted. "It's been a huge honor to do it with one team," he said. "This is such an historic team, and this fan base has been so incredible for so long. Even in the early years when things weren't going well, you still felt the support and the passion every day. I was lucky to get through some of those years when it seemed like everyone was getting traded and the team wanted to go different directions here and there. They always stuck by me. I'm grateful for that."

And the fine citizens of Edmonton are grateful to have 'Nuuuuuge' around still. H

Doors didn't open for Brandon Hagel on his way to the NHL. He had to break them down himself. Now, no stage is too bright for the Bolts star BY JARED CLINTON

DARE TO DREAM

THE PUCK HAD ONLY just dropped in the round-robin meeting between Canada and the U.S. at the 4 Nations Face-Off, and there was Brandon Hagel, mitts off, fists cocked, standing toe-to-toe with Matthew Tkachuk. And in that moment, any thoughts about Tampa Bay drifted free from Jon Cooper's mind.

As Cooper watched on, the Lightning bench boss could have been concerned about Tampa's second-highest scorer. He could have been chewing his hand off worrying about Hagel getting dinged up in what some had decried as a meaningless mid-season cash grab disguised as an international competition. Against a backdrop of political agitation and in his then-role as coach of Canada's club, though, it was all Cooper could do to contain his own emotions. "When we were in it," he said, "it was all flag waving."

For his part, Hagel never had any intention of becoming the on-ice avatar for a nation. Even with a fistful of NHL scraps under his belt and several dustups in major junior, Hagel insisted fighting isn't part of his game, at least not really. He wasn't even thinking about fighting until he lined up across from Tkachuk. But when the offer came, Hagel was all too happy to oblige. Then, in the 45 seconds that followed, from the clutching and grabbing on through the first flurry of punches and all the way to his arm-raising, crowd-pumping cries after the combatants were separated, Hagel etched his way into the memory of hockey-mad Canadians the world over. "He had the weight of 20,000 people in that Bell Centre on his shoulders, and he fought like it," Cooper said. "I've told 'Hags,' 'If nobody knew you going into this tournament, pretty sure you won't have to buy a beer in this country for quite some time now.' "

Hagel puts it another way: "It'll probably be one of the biggest moments in my life."

And one made bigger, perhaps, by virtue of the number of times it seemed that it was the exact type of moment that would never come.

Like any number of talented kids from Western Canada, Hagel viewed the WHL

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BRANDON HAGEL

bantam draft as a rite of passage. In some ways, even, the draft had its way of feeling less like one step toward achieving the NHL dream than it did the dream itself. The major-junior circuit has been the breeding ground for a great many big-league stars, and whether you're growing up in a Prairie town or west of the Rockies, if you're among the best players in your age group, it's seen as the most-direct route to The Show.

That's why it was just about all Hagel could think about as his draft year drew near. There was chatter about peers starting to find advisors and agents. There was a personal desire to follow in the footsteps of friends and competitors who had made the leap to 'The Dub.' And there was a foreboding sense that everything – his entire future – hinged on taking that next step. It made the 2013 WHL draft feel not just important but monumental.

So, when it came and went without Hagel's name getting called, he felt as though the ground beneath his feet had suddenly disappeared. He was 15, sitting in class and starting to question his NHL dream. "It has the feeling that it's slipping away," he said.

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There was nothing for Hagel to do, really, other than get back to work. For him, that took the form of another two seasons in the same Fort Saskatchewan Rangers system in which he'd been playing during his WHL draft year and then a brief turn with the AJHL's Whitecourt Wolverines. And it was in Whitecourt, only a few games into 2015-16, where he caught the eye of Red Deer Rebels scouts. That opened the door for him to practice with the Rebels, where he turned coach-GM-owner Brent Sutter's head and earned a spot on the roster.

While Hagel was not a standout, his first season in Red Deer saw him assert himself as a possible NHL-caliber talent. He finished with 47 points in 72 games, and his performance gave him enough cachet that the Buffalo Sabres decided to take a flyer. He was scooped up with the 159th overall pick in the 2016 NHL draft.

Now, if this were about almost any other top NHL scorer, you could chart the pathway

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from there: he would've headed off to Sabres camp, landed on the radar of Buffalo's higher-ups, eventually earned an AHL spot, turned that into an NHL opportunity and gone on to cement himself as a lineup regular. But that wasn't the case. Over the next two off-seasons, Hagel spent time in upstate New York in hopes he would ingratiate himself to the organization and earn an entry-level contract. Instead, after Hagel wrapped up his third season with the Rebels, the Sabres relinquished his rights.

The first phone call Hagel remembers receiving after Buffalo gave him the news was from Sutter. "He basically said, 'I am going to do everything I can to try and get you to that next level. You just have to continue putting your head down and try to get better and try to get yourself there,' " Hagel said.

That didn't stop him from feeling, though, that he was reliving the WHL draft nightmare all over again. As a 20-year-old entering his fourth WHL campaign, there was a cold, creeping feeling of doubt. He felt like an unfortunate reality was beginning to set in – that a life in hockey wasn't going be in the cards. So, Hagel gave himself an ultimatum. "If this isn't going to work, I need to go to school," he said. "That was my assumption, that I'd give it to Christmas."

With that in his mind, Hagel started to think about his future. While putting in some serious off-season work, he made time to sign up to head back to school. If

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> **-BRANDON HAGEL ON HIS FIGHT AT THE 4 NATIONS**

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hockey wasn't going to work out, he wanted to improve his grades so he could go to college. But when he got back to Red Deer to start 2018-19, he looked like a different player. The season prior, before Buffalo had let him walk, his offense was inconsistent. Now, seemingly out of nowhere, he was uncontainable. He had 10 points through his first five games and was pushing 20 by his 10th. And by his 15th game, he was tied for third in WHL scoring, with 28 points. Hagel's hard work was shining through.

More importantly, NHL clubs were circling. Now, his self-imposed deadline didn't seem so worrisome. And by the end of October 2018, days after his fifth three-point game of the WHL season, Hagel put pen to paper on a three-year, entry-level deal with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Sutter had encouraged him, pressed him to work even harder and told Hagel he could still

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make his NHL dream come true. "I couldn't give more credit, and I give a lot of credit, to Brent Sutter," Hagel said. "He was the best thing that's probably ever happened to me in hockey."

If the pandemic didn't nearly shutter one NHL campaign and change the landscape of another, it's worth wondering how enamored the Lightning would have become with Hagel. The 2020-21 season brought with it a temporary divisional realignment that made Chicago and Tampa – normally in opposite conferences – regular foes. Eight times the Blackhawks squared off with the Lightning that season, and it was during the third of those meetings, the first for which a rookie Hagel was in the lineup, that Cooper couldn't shake him. "I just remember I was like, 'Who is this kid, whose name I don't know, who is flying all over the place and being a pest?' " Cooper said. "It's like, 'Oh my God, this kid is always involved.' "

Cooper was all too familiar with Hagel by season's end, as was the Lightning front office. What they had seen was soon apparent to the rest of the NHL, too. During his sophomore season, Hagel worked his way up Chicago's lineup, and as the trade deadline approached, with the Blackhawks in full rebuild mode, there were rumblings he was a sought-after trade chip. Hagel, though, didn't think anything of it. "A couple days before, the (Blackhawks) coach at the time (Derek King) came out and said something along the lines of, 'If we trade Hagel, I don't know what type of rebuild we're doing here,' " Hagel said. "Rumors were going around, questions were being asked, and in my mind, I don't think I'm going anywhere."

Then came the news. On a road trip to Minnesota, Hagel was pulled aside by a Chicago staff member and sent to meet with

the Hawks' brass. He was told he'd been traded, learning soon thereafter his destination was Tampa Bay. Initially, he couldn't believe it. His head was "in a blender." But disbelief soon became a realization: he was going to get an opportunity to compete for a Stanley Cup with the back-to-back champions.

It wasn't long, however, before his elation dissipated. On the bottom-feeding Blackhawks, Hagel was seeing big minutes. He was proving himself a capable top-six player. But a similar role with the Lightning was blocked by Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point, Steven Stamkos and a cadre of veteran talent on a Cup-contending club. "I'm coming over from Chicago, I have 21 goals already, and there's still however many games," Hagel said. "I've been playing 18 minutes a game when I was in Chicago, and now I'm playing 12 or 13."

Frustration was setting in. Hagel had been used to working his way up the lineup, not slipping helplessly down it. But Cooper preached patience.

So, Hagel did as he'd done prior: he put his head down and went to work. The result, as always, was a breakthrough. Against the New York Rangers in the third round of the 2022 postseason, Hagel landed on a line with Alex Killorn and Anthony Cirelli. It was a defensive role, and he bought in. Ultimately, Hagel played an important part in helping the Lightning to a third-straight Cup final, and while the Bolts left empty-handed, Hagel's commitment to doing the little things well wasn't lost on Cooper.

Indeed, Hagel's work ethic and attitude were the very things that landed him on the wing alongside Kucherov and Point just two games into the following season. It wasn't some dalliance with the Lightning top six, either. Hagel became a fixture of the unit, authoring a breakout 30-goal, 64-point campaign. "Everyone thinks, 'Oh, just throw me on the line, and I'll get points and be able to do this.' But that's not how it works," Cooper said. "These guys, they think the game at such a high level, they play the game at such an incredibly fast pace. That it's why it's hard to play with really, really good players. Good players also want guys who are going to do some of the work that they're not going to do."

That, Cooper said, is Hagel. But it's not just what he brings to the attack or his ability to thrive alongside elite talents that have led Hagel from being an overlooked 15-year-old to a role player for Team Canada in best-on-best play. From where Cooper is standing, it's because everything that has been thrown at Hagel, whether an off-ice obstacle, grind-line minutes or the chance to skate in the top six, has been an opportunity he's accepted, learned from and used to build a bigger, stronger, better foundation for the rest of his game. In his earliest moments with the Lightning, Cooper said, Hagel kept taking bites of the apple. And once he was ready, bit by bit, as with his entire career, the bites just kept getting bigger.

"The cycle just continues," Cooper said. "Late draft pick. Sixth-rounder. And it's just never being given a chance. It's always that a door keeps shutting in his face, and he keeps opening it. It shuts in his face again, and he walks through again, everywhere he's gone. When you have that much fight in a player, and you watch what he's done in his career, probably not that surprised at what he's doing now." H

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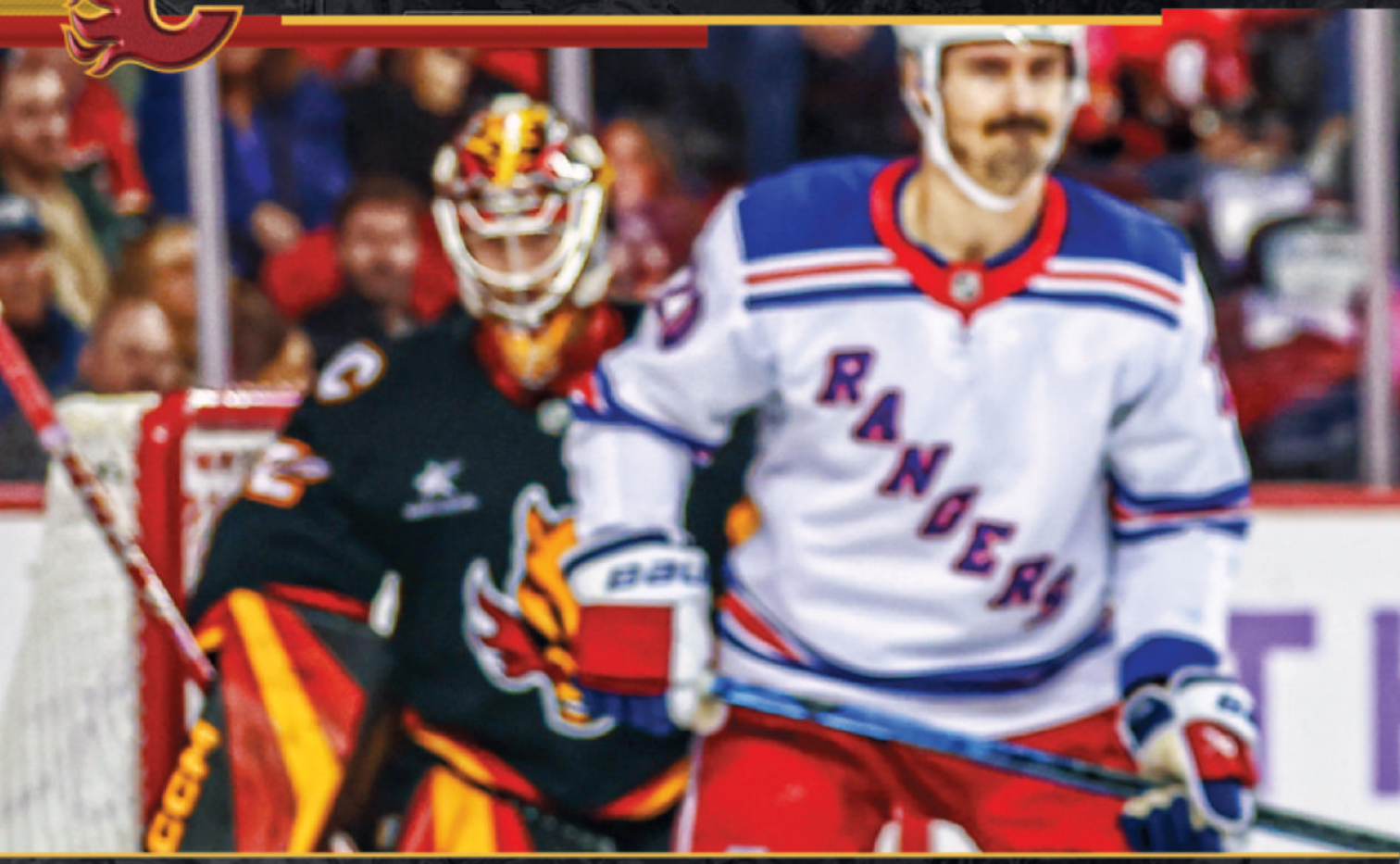

ANDERSSON UNFILTERED

The league's death-stare D-man doesn't suppress anything. Feelings, thoughts, words, emotions, cellys – what you see and hear is what you get

BY KEN CAMPBELL

BEFORE EACH OF his final 11 NHL games of last season, Rasmus Andersson was forced to jam his right foot into his skate because of a fractured fibula he sustained courtesy of the 166th of his team-leading 196 shot blocks. Andersson had taken a stinger near his ankle off the stick of Vince Dunn in the first period of a game in late March against Seattle. With his Calgary Flames desperate-

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ly chasing a playoff spot, he blocked another shot that night in overtime, and then 29 more over the next 11 games – with a busted fibula. And then he went off to play for Sweden in the World Championship. Man, hockey players, eh?

Anyway, back to Andersson jamming his right foot into his skate. That's the one that has "ANDERSSON" embossed on the tongue. The left one is marked with "GAUDREAU." Every game, every practice, every morning skate, Andersson laces up his boots and thinks about his former teammate and kindred spirit. "He's with me every step of the way," Andersson said, pointing at his wheels after a morning skate in March. "I try to honor him any way I can."

"He," of course, is Johnny Gaudreau, the former Flame and one of Andersson's best friends. Last July, Andrew Mangiapane got married in Toronto, and it was a big Italian affair with 18 people in the wedding party. Of the nine groomsmen, only two of them had anything to do with Mangiapane's hockey career: Andersson and Gaudreau. eight weeks later, Andersson and Mangiapane were among the hundreds of mourners at the funeral for Johnny Gaudreau and his brother, Matthew, who were killed by an alleged drunk driver while they were cycling home from their own sister's wedding-rehearsal dinner.

In 2024-25, Andersson endured a season of more downs than ups, and you can't help but think part of that was him mourning his close friend. Andersson even acknowledged there were times during games where his mind would drift to think about Gaudreau – who Andersson sat beside on the Flames'

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charter for four years – especially the night the Columbus Blue Jackets visited the Flames for the first time after Gaudreau's death, after which a weeping Andersson and teammate Mikael Backlund stood on either side of a heartbroken Guy Gaudreau in a post-game interview, physically and emotionally supporting a dad going through unimaginable agony.

There are good memories, though. Like the time the Flames were playing in Toronto a few years back, and instead of staying at the hotel after the game, Sean Monahan opened his Toronto home to Andersson, Milan Lucic and Gaudreau, and the four of them spent the night there after consuming a few adult beverages. As the four teammates scrambled the next morning to join the team, nobody could seem to find Johnny's pants. "He just lost them," Andersson said. "We were dying laughing. You have the memories, and you try to laugh, but you have so much sadness in you."

Part of the reason Andersson is carrying so much sadness is that he's a guy who feels the feels. All of them. Happy, sad, frustrated, elated, they're all out there on display for everyone to see. And that's not exactly a trait he shares with his fellow Scandinavians in general or Swedes in particular. People from that part of the world are usually pretty calm and reserved, almost completely unimpressed with themselves and certainly not the kind to score a goal on the road, then pick out a random fan of the home team in the expensive seats and make direct eye contact with that person. Generally speaking, they are the kind of people who wouldn't say sugar if their mouths were full of it. Flames coach Ryan Huska once told a story on *Hockey Night in Canada* about when he was coaching Andersson and enforcer Luke Gazdic in the AHL with the Stockton Heat in 2017-18. According to Huska, Gazdic came into his office one day and told the coach he was willing to stand up for any of his teammates, but he was having some real trouble defending Andersson. "He said, 'You have to help me with Rasmus Andersson,' " Huska recalled. "Rasmus has a mouth on him, and he's not afraid to use it on the ice, and he would go after all the tough guys, so Luke would have to answer to all the tough guys."

Andersson agrees he is cut from a different mold than the vast majority of his countrymen. He's the son of Peter – a former Swedish national-team member who played 47 NHL games between stints with the New York Rangers and Florida Panthers – and the younger brother of Calle, a Rangers draftee who played two seasons in the AHL and is still skating in Switzerland. Rasmus Andersson took the Swedish route less travelled and played junior hockey in the OHL as a teenager and now sounds as though he could be from Lethbridge. Those English words that spill out of his mouth so easily can sometimes get him into trouble, but it's not in his character to dial things back. "I say what I think, and I think what I say," Andersson said. "It's the way I've always been, and if you ask a lot of people, they'd probably say, 'He's a pretty loud guy.' I like having fun. In my opinion, we have the best job in the world, and I try to enjoy it every day."

Try as he might, Andersson did not enjoy every day last season. Aside from Gaud-

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Rough-and-tumble play will continue to feature heavily in Andersson's arsenal.

reau's death, Andersson dealt with injuries and a fan base he feels started to turn on him a little. Plus-minus can be a misleading stat, but when you're minus-38 and in contention for the 'green jacket' for the NHL's worst plus-minus, and the next-worst regular defenseman on your team is minus-6, that can be telling. His 107 giveaways were also by far a career high. He had to accept more responsibility on the Flames' blueline the past couple of years, averaging almost 24 minutes a game last season. In October, it looked as though he was going to run with it and have a great season, but a lingering knee injury slowed him. Then, when it looked as though the Flames were out of the playoff race, the inevitable trade rumors took a toll on him. So, as Andersson enters 2025-26, he does so at a crossroads. He'll turn 29 in October and is playing on the final year of his six-year deal that carries a cap hit of $4.55 million. The Flames were in a position to extend his contract beginning July 1, but with a couple of right-shot blueline prospects in Zayne Parekh and Hunter Brzustewicz pushing for NHL employment, there is a fair bit of uncertainty surrounding Andersson.

And Andersson isn't certain himself what the future holds. "It's the first time in my career I've ever been in this spot, and I want to be honest with the fans," Andersson said after the Flames' break-up day in April. "If you think about it, point-wise and with me chewing up minuses every night, it's not my best season, so is it smart for me to sign?...The sad part about it is how quickly it turned, without me really doing nothing, honestly. The fans who used to hold your back tight turn their coat on you, so that's the sad part."

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>
> -RASMUS ANDERSSON

It wasn't all negative last season, though. Andersson did manage to collect on a debt when Alex Ovechkin delivered a signed stick to him when the Washington Capitals visited Calgary. Back in 2018-19, a campaign in which Ovechkin scored 51 goals to win the eighth of his nine Rocket Richard Trophies, Andersson prevented Leon Draisaitl from matching Ovechkin's goal total by blocking a shot at an empty net in the last game of the season. Andersson stopped in Washington on his way home after that season to visit with Andre Burakovsky and ended up spending a night having beers with Ovechkin. "He kept buying me lots of drinks that night, and he told me, 'Whatever you want, I'll fix you up. I'll give you a stick, whatever you need,' " Andersson said. "I said I was going to cash in on it one day, and I did."

As Andersson heads into this season with the prospect of free agency looming, he won't change the way he is on or off the ice. The energy that fuels his game and his on-ice persona will remain the same. The chirping of opponents, the 'Razzy Death Stare' after goals on the road and even some of the risky play that has defined his game and given him his NHL identity will continue. "I've always been outspoken, and I've always had confidence on my side," Andersson said. "It's the way I am. I'm all over (GM Craig Conroy) and (Huska) at times, but when it's serious, it's serious. When it's time to loosen up a little bit, I'll do that. I think I've found a balance the older I am, and it's just my personality. If you don't like it, I can't help you."

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STANLEY RETURNS TO THE STRIP

Cue the clichés, as Vegas has gone all-in again after hitting yet another star-player jackpot. With Marner in the fold, the Golden Knights are set to cash in with their second Stanley Cup

BY JARED CLINTON

BY THIS POINT, as the Vegas Golden Knights enter their ninth season, the gambling wordplay and witticisms – especially those about the team pushing their chips to the middle or doubling down – have gone a bit stale.

That would be the case regardless of the franchise's success to this point, but it's all the more true given there has been no point in the Golden Knights' existence in which the franchise hasn't acted bold or brash in the pursuit of excellence. From the expansion draft through its Stanley Cup victory and into this off-season, Vegas has always taken an all-gas-no-brakes philosophy. There may be no move more indicative of the organization's willingness to take advantage of every opportunity to improve than landing Mitch Marner this summer.

In the build-up to Marner's free agency, all eyes were on the clubs with cash to splash. The presumption was that the high cost associated with landing the now-former Toronto Maple Leafs star left the cap-strapped contenders out of the running, and that included Vegas. But we should have known better. A game-changing talent? On the open market? The Golden Knights were going to make it work. And it's of no surprise that Marner couldn't resist once Vegas came calling.

Marner will add to a Vegas attack that already boasts plenty of top scorers and two-way threats. He joins a club that has won its in four of the past

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six seasons. And Marner's addition to an already star-studded Knights roster is why The Hockey News is predicting Vegas will end 2025-26 by hoisting the Stanley Cup.

The Golden Knights are not without flaws, however. Paired with Marner's arrival was the news that No. 1 defenseman Alex Pietrangelo will miss the entire season. That thins Vegas' defense corps and puts more onus on Shea Theodore and Noah Hanifin. And while settled, the goaltending situation is delicate. Adin Hill is the nailed-on starter, but – with all due respect to Akira Schmid – there is no depth in the crease. Hill remaining healthy will be paramount.

The rich get richer: Marner adds to a Golden Knights' lineup that was already one of the league's best.

But the Golden Knights will not be without their challengers. Namely, we are backing the Carolina Hurricanes to get over the Eastern Conference final–shaped hump and, fittingly, set up a head-to-head between Marner's new team and the once-assumed front-runners for the star winger's services.

And while it's no secret that Marner was the apple of the Hurricanes' eye, Carolina still managed to bulk up this summer. After a swap with the New York Rangers, the Hurricanes locked up K'Andre Miller, then went out and added Nikolaj Ehlers to their attack. Neither results in an out-and-out reshaping of the lineup, but the acquisitions are such that the Hurricanes have both extra jump and additional firepower. We believe the moves, along with internal growth and learning what it takes to win in the playoffs, will lead Carolina to finally, after three failed attempts under coach Rod Brind'Amour, win a conference title.

But will doing so require conquering the Florida Panthers? The back-to-back champions will ice an almost-identical roster, and there is the distinct feeling that the next Eastern Conference winner will have to go through Florida. The Cats' unique brand of hard-nosed and high-skill hockey will make it difficult for anyone to knock them from the mountaintop.

The truth is, though, that Vegas' greatest test might come not in the shape of its eventual Eastern opponent but in making it out of the West.

The Edmonton Oilers – a team we believe will be better than Vegas in the regular season – will be hungrier than ever as they seek to avenge repeat losses in the final. And the Los Angeles Kings will be looking to right last season's wrongs, having frittered away a near-stranglehold on their first-round series against the Oilers.

But more concerning for Vegas could be the team that emerges from the Central Division. We gave serious consideration to selecting the Dallas Stars as our Cup favorite. But the reality of the Central is that any of the teams projected to finish first through third in the division – the Stars, Colorado Avalanche and Winnipeg Jets – could emerge from the Central bracket. And this is to say nothing of the much-improved Utah Mammoth, always-steady Minnesota Wild or the St. Louis Blues, who came a few seconds shy of a spot in the second round last season. The long and short of it is this: Vegas has an advantage out West based on geographical good fortune – because while playing in the Pacific isn't easy, playing in the Central is hell.

Of course, the campaign will have its surprises. Each one does. And come the post-season, the margins are always as thin – parity equals precarity. But the Golden Knights' front-office aggression and commitment to building a winner borders on unparalleled, and it feels as though no matter what troubles present themselves as the season winds on, Vegas will spare no expense and leave no stone unturned in order to find a solution.

So, where is the Stanley Cup heading this season? In our estimation, like a washed-up pop act or an unimaginative bachelor party, all roads lead to Vegas.

ADIN HILL

MARK STONE

The Hockey News 2025-26 PREDICTIONS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. Florida Panthers PG. 94
2. Tampa Bay Lightning PG. 150
3. Toronto Maple Leafs PG. 154
4. Ottawa Senators* PG. 126
5. Montreal Canadiens PG. 106
6. Detroit Red Wings PG. 86
7. Buffalo Sabres PG. 58
8. Boston Bruins PG. 54

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

1. Carolina Hurricanes PG. 66
2. New Jersey Devils PG. 114
3. Washington Capitals PG. 170
4. New York Rangers* PG. 122
5. Philadelphia Flyers PG. 130
6. Columbus Blue Jackets PG. 78
7. New York Islanders PG. 118
8. Pittsburgh Penguins PG. 134

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

1. Dallas Stars PG. 82
2. Colorado Avalanche PG. 74
3. Winnipeg Jets PG. 174
4. Utah Mammoth* PG. 158
5. Minnesota Wild* PG. 102
6. St. Louis Blues PG. 138
7. Nashville Predators PG. 110
8. Chicago Blackhawks PG. 70

PACIFIC DIVISION

1. Edmonton Oilers PG. 90
2. Vegas Golden Knights PG. 166
3. Los Angeles Kings PG. 98
4. Vancouver Canucks PG. 162
5. Anaheim Ducks PG. 50
6. Calgary Flames PG. 62
7. Seattle Kraken PG. 146
8. San Jose Sharks PG. 142

*Wild-card playoff teams

STANLEY CUP PICK

Vegas defeats Carolina

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
35-37-10 (.488)

OVERTIME
7-8

SHOOTOUT
4-2

OVERALL
25th

OFFENSE
2.65 GPG (30th)

DEFENSE
3.18 GAA (23rd)

POWER PLAY
11.8% (32nd)

PENALTY KILL
74.2% (29th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.43 (22nd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.96 (32nd)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
T. Terry (18:51)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. LaCombe (22:18)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Joel Quenneville

GM
Pat Verbeek

CAPTAIN
Radko Gudas

ARENA
Honda Center

CAPACITY
17,732

AHL AFFILIATE
San Diego Gulls

ECHL AFFILIATE
Tulsa Oilers

BY GREG BEACHAM

PAT VERBEEK HAS FINALLY raised the bar in Anaheim. While announcing his decision in April to fire coach Greg Cronin following the Ducks' seventh-consecutive non-playoff season, Verbeek proclaimed for the first time that he expects his team to make the playoffs next spring, just over three years after he took charge.

Owner Henry Samueli then turned the expectation into a mandate, saying he wants to be watching post-season hockey next spring. The rebuild has been painfully slow, with last year's roster of raw youngsters and modest veteran talent missing the playoffs by 16 points. Anaheim swung and missed at the top free agents but made a big addition behind the bench in Joel Quenneville. The owner of the second-most wins by a coach in NHL history, Quenneville eagerly accepted the challenge of ending the drought, saying he sees parallels with the promising young rosters he took over in Chicago and Florida.

>OFFENSE

The Ducks have been a low-scoring team throughout their seven-year playoff absence, and Quenneville will have to end that drought by getting more out of their bountiful young talent with help from key veteran additions. After the Ducks finished 30th in goals last season, Verbeek added Mikael Granlund in free agency and long-time New York Rangers stalwart Chris Kreider via trade. Granlund could fill several roles in the top six, while

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Quenneville will attempt to get a bounce-back year out of Kreider. Anaheim needs a breakout producer up front. Six Ducks scored 19 or more goals last season, but nobody scored more than 22. Verbeek also traded Trevor Zegras in June, ending years of rumors. But most fans considered the return underwhelming.

>DEFENSE

Anaheim made significant improvement in goals allowed for the second straight year, allowing 32 fewer than in 2023-24. Yet the Ducks were still a below-average defensive team, and Verbeek is counting on coaching to fix it rather than personnel additions. The Ducks allowed 64 power-play goals, ranking 31st in the NHL, but their 5-on-5 metrics were also quite poor. Verbeek didn't make an addition to the blueline via free agency, so barring a late-summer trade, the Ducks will return with last season's defense corps, including breakout performer Jackson LaCombe and veterans Radko Gudas and Jacob Trouba.

>GOALTENDING

A new era has begun between the pipes after John Gibson was traded to Detroit during the draft weekend, ending a 12-year run for the Ducks' longest-tenured player. Lukas Dostal is now the unquestioned No. 1 goalie, although he essentially assumed the role last season with Gibson fighting injuries. The new backup is fellow Czech Petr Mrazek, who will play about 30 games. Ville Husso is a capable No. 3 option.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Ducks have been inept on both units for years. Anaheim had the NHL's worst power play and the fourth-worst penalty-killing unit last season. The power-play struggles are particularly troubling given the offensive skill, but adding Kreider and Granlund to the first unit will help. Verbeek traded Zegras for a package that included Poehling, whose penalty-killing acumen will help that unit back to competence.

>INTANGIBLES

Quenneville is expected to change the culture in Anaheim. Verbeek and Samueli overcame any reservations about Quenneville's culpability in the Blackhawks' abuse scandal after speaking at length with the veteran coach. The Ducks believe they will benefit from the winning mindset of a coach with three Stanley Cup titles and a lengthy reputation for building contenders in all manner of hockey circumstances.

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>ROOKIES

It might be a year too early, but Beckett Sennecke will have the chance to earn a roster spot after the rangy winger's outstanding season for the OHL's Oshawa Generals justified Verbeek's surprising decision to pick him third overall in 2024. He should get an NHL taste in October.

>X-FACTOR

Playoff expectations are a new experience for LaCombe, Leo Carlsson, Mason McTavish and Cutter Gauthier. Meeting that goal won't be easy. Anaheim made a 21-point improvement last year, and it wasn't nearly enough. How the young Ducks respond to the first real pressure of their pro careers will decide their season.

>THE BRASS

Samueli is a billionaire who badly misses playoff hockey. He publicly gave a blank check to Verbeek to improve the roster, although the GM wasn't really able to cash it in free agency. Verbeek is at a make-or-break point with many Ducks fans, and trading away the beloved Zegras didn't help.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Cutter Gauthier	1. Leo Carlsson	1. Mikael Granlund
2. Chris Kreider	2. Mason McTavish	2. Troy Terry
3. Frank Vatrano	3. Ryan Strome	3. Alex Killorn
4. Nikita Nesterenko	4. Ryan Poehling	4. Sam Colangelo
5. Ross Johnston	5. Jansen Harkins	5. Beckett Sennecke

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Jackson LaCombe	6. Drew Helleson	1. Lukas Dostal
2. Jacob Trouba	7. Tristan Luneau	2. Petr Mrazek
3. Pavel Mintyukov	8. Ian Moore	3. Ville Husso
4. Radko Gudas	9. Tyson Hinds	
5. Olen Zellweger	10. Stian Solberg	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs T. Zegras, C; J. Gibson, G; R. Fabbri, C; B. Leason, RW; I. Lundestrom, C; B. McGinn, LW; O. Kylington, D

BECKETT SENNECKE

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Beckett Sennecke
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Oshawa (OHL)
Put WJC snub in the rearview with excellent output. Outstanding in guiding Oshawa to OHL final.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

2. Roger McQueen
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Brandon (WHL)
Size and skill make him offensive powerhouse. Injury limited him to 17 games last season.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Tristan Luneau
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 San Diego (AHL)
Healthy after missing majority of 2023-24, he tied for lead among AHL rookie 'D' with 52 points.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Stian Solberg
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Farjestad (Swe.)
Full season in SHL was great learning experience for stout blueliner, as was 10-game AHL audition.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

5. Eric Nilson
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)
Doesn't outright drive offense, but play funnels through the clever pivot. Heading to Michigan State.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. Yegor Sidorov
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 San Diego (AHL)
Faded down the stretch but showcased smarts, puck skills and heavy shot in rookie AHL year.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Nathan Gaucher
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 San Diego (AHL)
Shutdown pivot thrives when doing the dirty work. His D-zone play is the foundation of his game.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Tyson Hinds
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 San Diego (AHL)
A standout offensive blueliner in junior, he's settled into middle-pairing life in the pro game.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Noah Warren
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 San Diego (AHL)
His wingspan is a weapon, as he's adept at using his reach to disrupt rushes. Pure shutdown profile.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Lasse Boelius
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Assat Jr. (Fin.)
His skating and puck-moving skill shine through. It's his own-zone work that needs refinement.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80		
	72 Terry	
	67 McTavish	
60	60 Granlund	
	54 Carlsson	
	50 Gauthier 48 Vatrano	
40	41 Strome 38 Kreider 38 Colangelo 37 Killorn	Zellweger 39
	34 Poehling	LaCombe 34 Mintyukov 29
	23 Nesterenko	Luneau 22
20		Trouba 20
		Gudas 16 Helleson 13
	4 Johnston	
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Pittsburgh	10:30 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Sun, Oct 19	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 31	vs Detroit	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2	vs New Jersey	8:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Florida	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Colorado	9:30 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	vs Boston	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Ottawa	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Los Angeles	4:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	@ Chicago	3:30 PM
Mon, Dec 1	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 3	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	vs Washington	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ New Jersey	12:30 PM
Mon, Dec 15	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs Tampa Bay	4:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	vs Minnesota	10:30 PM
Mon, Jan 5	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs NY Rangers	10:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Calgary	8:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	@ Edmonton	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Feb 1	vs Vegas	9:30 PM
Tue, Feb 3	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Edmonton	10:30 PM
Fri, Feb 27	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	vs NY Islanders	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	vs Montreal	9:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs St. Louis	9:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Winnipeg	8:30 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Ottawa	1:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	vs Philadelphia	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	@ Utah	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Buffalo	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Edmonton	3:30 PM
Mon, Mar 30	vs Toronto	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Fri, Apr 3	vs St. Louis	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	vs Vancouver	8:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Nashville	8:00 PM

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Anaheim DUCKS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Vyacheslav Buteyets	23	6-4	210	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	178th overall (2022)	Tulsa (ECHL)	36	19-13-3	2.82	.905
Calle Clang	23	6-2	195	Left	Olofstrom, Swe.	Trade: Pit 3/21/22	San Diego (AHL)	31	11-13-4	3.17	.895
Damian Clara	20	6-6	214	Left	Brunico, Ita.	60th overall (2023)	Farjestad (Swe.)	21	9-10-0	3.19	.879
Lukas Dostal	25	6-2	190	Left	Brno, Cze.	85th overall (2018)	Anaheim	54	23-23-7	3.10	.903
Ville Husso	30	6-3	205	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Trade: Det 2/24/25	Grand Rapids/San Diego (AHL)	22	15-6-0	2.64	.910
Petr Mrazek	33	6-2	188	Left	Ostrava, Cze.	Trade: Det 6/28/25	Chicago/Detroit	38	12-21-2	3.35	.891
Elijah Neuenschwander	18	6-4	192	Left	Biel-Bienne, Sui.	104th overall (2025)	Fribourg-Gotteron Jr. (Sui.)	17	11-5-0	2.24	n/a
Tomas Suchanek	22	6-1	185	Left	Prerov, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 3/21/24	San Diego (AHL)	29	14-10-5	2.92	.910

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Anthony Allain Samake	18	6-2	183	Left	Gatineau, Que.	168th overall (2025)	Sioux City (USHL)	61	0	14	14	30
Jeremie Biakabutuka	23	6-4	198	Right	Longueil, Que.	Trade: StL 12/14/24	Florida/Tulsa (ECHL)	45	8	24	32	16
Lasse Boelius	18	6-1	181	Left	Lohja, Fin.	60th overall (2025)	Assat Jr. (Fin.)	34	4	14	18	16
Rodwin Dionicio	21	6-2	196	Left	Newark, N.J.	129th overall (2023)	San Diego (AHL)	24	5	4	9	42
William Francis	24	6-5	207	Right	St. Paul, Minn.	163rd overall (2019)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	5	0	0	0	5
Radko Gudas	35	6-0	208	Right	Prague, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Anaheim	81	1	15	16	86
Drew Helleson	24	6-3	213	Right	Farmington, Minn.	Trade: Col 3/14/22	Anaheim	56	4	9	13	47
Tyson Hinds	22	6-3	199	Left	Gatineau, Que.	76th overall (2021)	San Diego (AHL)	71	4	14	18	42
Jackson LaCombe	24	6-2	205	Left	Eden Prairie, Minn.	39th overall (2019)	Anaheim	75	14	29	43	28
Tristan Luneau	21	6-1	202	Right	Victoriaville, Que.	53rd overall (2022)	San Diego (AHL)	59	9	43	52	21
Alexis Mathieu	18	6-3	197	Left	Sherbrooke, Que.	136th overall (2025)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	59	3	3	6	88
Pavel Mintyukov	21	6-1	200	Left	Moscow, Rus.	10th overall (2022)	Anaheim	68	5	14	19	20
Ian Moore	23	6-3	203	Right	Salt Lake City, Utah	67th overall (2020)	Harvard (ECAC)	32	3	11	14	14
Drew Schock	18	6-0	178	Left	Chicago, Ill.	101st overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	66	9	28	37	28
Tarin Smith	19	6-1	189	Left	Porcupine Plain, Sask.	79th overall (2024)	Everett (WHL)	65	16	44	60	50
Konnor Smith	20	6-6	215	Left	Windsor, Ont.	97th overall (2023)	Owen Sound/Brampton (OHL)	43	10	16	26	34
Stian Solberg	19	6-2	194	Left	Oslo, Nor.	23rd overall (2024)	Farjestad (Swe.)	47	3	9	12	16
Jacob Trouba	31	6-3	212	Right	Rochester, Mich.	Trade: NYR 12/6/24	NYR/Anaheim	77	1	13	14	66
Darels Uljanskis	19	6-2	194	Left	Riga, Lat.	214th overall (2024)	AIK Jr. (Swe.)	44	9	30	39	43
Noah Warren	21	6-4	224	Right	Montreal, Que.	42nd overall (2022)	San Diego (AHL)	60	0	4	4	38
Olen Zellweger	22	5-10	187	Left	Calgary, Alta.	34th overall (2021)	Anaheim	62	7	13	20	20

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Alexandre Blais	19	5-10	175	Left	Longueuil, Que.	100th overall (2024)	Rimouski (QMJHL)	60	20	53	73	18
Leo Carlsson	20	6-3	203	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	2nd overall (2023)	Anaheim	76	20	25	45	14
Nathan Gaucher	21	6-3	222	Right	Chambly, Que.	22nd overall (2022)	San Diego (AHL)	56	8	11	19	79
Mikael Granlund	33	5-10	185	Left	Oulu, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Jose/Dallas	83	22	44	66	28
Jansen Harkins	28	6-1	199	Left	Cleveland, Ohio	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Anaheim	62	2	4	6	21
Kyle Kukkonen	22	5-10	172	Right	Maple Grove, Minn.	162nd overall (2021)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	37	10	9	19	22
Roger McQueen	18	6-5	197	Right	Saskatoon, Sask.	10th overall (2025)	Brandon (WHL)	17	10	10	20	40
Mason McTavish	22	6-1	219	Left	Zurich, Sui.	3rd overall (2021)	Anaheim	76	22	30	52	38
Jan Mysak	23	5-11	192	Left	Litvinov, Cze.	Trade: Mtl 3/7/24	San Diego (AHL)	68	18	24	42	19
Nikita Nesterenko	24	6-2	195	Left	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Trade: Min 3/3/23	San Diego (AHL)	50	13	21	34	36
Eric Nilson	18	6-0	165	Right	Calgary, Alta.	45th overall (2025)	Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)	37	12	26	38	56
Lucas Pettersson	19	5-11	168	Left	Ornskoldsvik, Swe.	35th overall (2024)	Ostersund (Swe.2)	26	9	10	19	10
Ryan Poehling	26	6-2	204	Left	Lakeville, Minn.	Trade: Phi 6/23/25	Philadelphia	68	12	19	31	16
Ethan Procyszyn	19	6-2	189	Right	Wasaga Beach, Ont.	68th overall (2024)	North Bay (OHL)	68	34	30	64	74
Noah Read	18	6-0	170	Left	St. Catharines, Ont.	72nd overall (2025)	London (OHL)	45	10	16	26	20
Ryan Strome	32	6-1	192	Right	Mississauga, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Anaheim	82	10	31	41	70
Tim Washe	24	6-3	215	Left	Detroit, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 4/14/25	Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	16	22	38	18

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Artyom Galimov	26	6-0	176	Left	Samara, Rus.	129th overall (2020)	Kazan (KHL)	68	35	24	59	24
Cutter Gauthier	21	6-2	201	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	Trade: Phi 1/8/24	Anaheim	82	20	24	44	20
Emile Guite	18	6-1	176	Left	Longueil, Que.	159th overall (2025)	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	59	16	14	30	18
Ross Johnston	31	6-5	232	Left	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Waivers: NYI 10/10/23	Anaheim	43	1	3	4	72
Alex Killorn	36	6-1	192	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Anaheim	82	19	18	37	30
Chris Kreider	34	6-3	230	Left	Boxford, Mass.	Trade: NYR 6/12/25	NY Rangers	68	22	8	30	24

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Austin Burnevik	20	6-4	195	Left	Ham Lake, Minn.	182nd overall (2024)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	35	13	15	28	8
Michael Callow	21	6-4	181	Right	Boston, Mass.	154th overall (2022)	Harvard (ECAC)	30	3	5	8	14
Judd Caulfield	24	6-3	220	Right	Grand Forks, N.D.	Trade: Pit 3/31/23	San Diego (AHL)	67	11	14	25	40
Sam Colangelo	23	6-2	211	Right	Stoneham, Mass.	36th overall (2020)	San Diego (AHL)	40	22	18	40	22
Maxim Masse	19	6-1	195	Right	Rimouski, Que.	66th overall (2024)	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	47	33	26	59	24
Nico Myatovic	20	6-2	195	Left	Prince George, B.C.	33rd overall (2023)	San Diego (AHL)	64	10	9	19	18
Sasha Pastujov	22	6-0	190	Left	Bradenton, Fla.	66th overall (2021)	San Diego (AHL)	43	17	28	45	12
Coulson Pitre	20	6-1	185	Right	Newmarket, Ont.	65th overall (2023)	San Diego (AHL)	61	3	13	16	19
Beckett Sennecke	19	6-3	190	Right	Toronto, Ont.	3rd overall (2024)	Oshawa (OHL)	56	36	50	86	66
Yegor Sidorov	21	6-0	184	Left	Vitebsk, Blr.	85th overall (2023)	San Diego (AHL)	59	17	17	34	18
Troy Terry	28	6-0	191	Right	Denver, Colo.	148th overall (2015)	Anaheim	77	21	34	55	20
Herman Traff	19	6-3	216	Right	Vaxjo, Swe.	Trade: NJ 3/6/25	HV71 (Swe.)	25	3	4	7	29
Brady Turko	18	5-11	168	Right	McCreary, Man.	200th overall (2025)	Brandon (WHL)	68	7	19	26	16
Frank Vatrano	31	5-11	206	Left	East Longmeadow, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Anaheim	81	21	24	45	80
Jaxsen Wiebe	23	6-1	206	Right	Moose Jaw, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/23	Tulsa (ECHL)	14	4	9	13	11

Boston BRUINS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
33-39-10 (.463)

OVERTIME
7-9

SHOOTOUT
0-1

OVERALL
28th

OFFENSE
2.71 GPG (28th)

DEFENSE
3.30 GAA (26th)

POWER PLAY
15.2% (29th)

PENALTY KILL
76.3% (24th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.32 (26th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.51 (18th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
D. Pastrnak (20:11)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
C. McAvoy (23:40)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Marco Sturm

GM
Don Sweeney

CAPTAIN
Vacant

ARENA
TD Garden

CAPACITY
17,850

AHL AFFILIATE
Providence Bruins

ECHL AFFILIATE
Maine Mariners

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BY MICK COLAGEO

THE WHEELS FELL OFF the 2024-25 Boston Bruins. Contract stalemates with Jeremy Swayman and Brad Marchand caused a missed camp and a shocking trade, respectively. Boston's 8-9-3 start cost coach Jim Montgomery his job. Interim coach Joe Sacco restored defensive structure, but a struggle to find offense led to mistakes that turned winnable games into losses. With Hampus Lindholm already sidelined, Charlie McAvoy's season-ending shoulder injury in the 4 Nations tourney turned the Bruins into sellers.

Marchand went to Florida, but GM Don Sweeney also moved Brandon Carlo and Charlie Coyle. Highlighting the haul were Fraser Minten and two first-rounders. With Boston's own pick, Sweeney drafted Boston College center James Hagens seventh overall. Former Bruin Marco Sturm was named the team's 30th coach in early June.

>OFFENSE

David Pastrnak drove the offense and became Boston's first player with consecutive 100-point campaigns since Adam Oates (1993-94). Morgan Geekie thrived off wing, scoring 33 goals and a six-year, $33-million extension, while center Elias Lindholm settled in with 4-5-9 totals in his last seven games. The Bruins need an inspired Casey Mittelstadt. He'll likely start between Viktor Arvidsson and Pavel Zacha. Michael Eyssimont, Sean Kuraly and/or Tanner Jeannot could play up, while AHL snipers Matej Blumel and Alex Steeves hope for career-changing camps.

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>DEFENSE

Hampus Lindholm contains defensively and drives offense, allowing McAvoy to express his inner Scott Stevens by discouraging zone entries with the threat of a big hit. It's expected that Nikita Zadorov will build on a strong second half. Extended at the 11th hour before free agency, deadline pickup Henri Jokiharju complements Zadorov's alpha-male game. Andrew Peeke provides rugged right-side depth, and with Lindholm back, Mason Lohrei will be protected against defensive mismatches. Lohrei led the banged-up blueline with 33 points and earned a two-year, $6.4-million extension despite a league-worst minus-43.

>GOALTENDING

A year after the 2024-25 debacle, triggered by his contract holdout and missed training camp, Swayman will get a fresh start as Boston's No. 1. He will arrive on time for camp with the victorious vibes of a 1-0 overtime win that capped the Americans' run to the World Championship. Despite media speculation, Joonas Korpisalo stayed put through mid-July as Swayman's backup.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Returning assistant coach Chris Kelly hands over the Bruins' power play to former Dallas Stars assistant Steve Spott, who became available when GM Jim Nill fired Peter DeBoer. Spott ran the Stars' power play, and his fresh outlook is expected to improve Boston's zone entries and more. Sweeney said Arvidsson's determination will help the Bruins establish a better net-front game. The Bruins' penalty kill will try to reclaim its traditional consistency with a healthier defense, the return of center Sean Kuraly (from Columbus) and potential contributions from Minten, who was one of Toronto's top prospects before being acquired in the Carlo trade.

>INTANGIBLES

Among the causes of failure in 2024-25, Sweeney identified too many nights when the Bruins "were an easy out." After keeping top-four defenseman Jokiharju off the market (three years at $3-million AAV), Sweeney allocated $10.7 million of cap space to four NHL forwards, adding skill (Arvidsson), sandpaper (Eyssimont and Jeannot) and leadership (Kuraly). Rather than try for the big fish, the Bruins went with gritty vets they hope will help restore the missing mojo.

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>ROOKIES

AHL mainstays Georgii Merkulov and Fabian Lysell have new competition from winger Dalton Bancroft (Cornell), center Dans Locmelis (UMass) and the aforementioned Blumel and Steeves. Boston's hotter prospects are playing in the NCAA, including Hagens, who could turn pro after this season, along with BC teammates Andre Gasseau and Oskar Jellvik.

>X-FACTOR

Sweeney's success has been largely based on identifying meandering young players like Hampus Lindholm, Pavel Zacha and Morgan Geekie, bringing them to Boston and helping them find their best. If Casey Mittelstadt is not Sweeney's next success story, then the 2025-26 Bruins will be a top line and a bottom nine.

>THE BRASS

Until 2024-25, Sweeney's teams had averaged 50 wins per 82 games played, so it's no wonder Bruins CEO Charlie Jacobs maintains full confidence in management. Initially measured in his remarks when asked during a season-ending presser, team president Cam Neely announced in late May a two-year extension for his GM through 2027-28.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Morgan Geekie	1. Elias Lindholm	1. David Pastrnak
2. Pavel Zacha	2. Casey Mittelstadt	2. Viktor Arvidsson
3. Marat Khusnutdinov	3. Fraser Minten	3. Michael Eyssimont
4. Tanner Jeannot	4. Sean Kuraly	4. Mark Kastelic
5. Johnny Beecher	5. Matthew Poitras	5. Matej Blumel

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Charlie McAvoy	6. Mason Lohrei	1. Jeremy Swayman
2. Hampus Lindholm	7. Jordan Harris	2. Joonas Korpisalo
3. Nikita Zadorov	8. Michael Callahan	3. Michael DiPietro
4. Henri Jokiharju	9. Frederic Brunet	
5. Andrew Peeke	10. Maximus Wanner	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Cole Koepke, LW; Parker Wotherspoon, D; Jordan Oesterle, D; Jakub Lauko, LW; Vinni Lettieri, RW; Oliver Wahlstrom, RW; Ian Mitchell, D

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. James Hagens
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
Size concerns remain, but he's an outstanding playmaker with massive upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Fabian Lysell
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Providence (AHL)
AHL output declined, but smooth-skating winger fared well in NHL cameo. He'll fight for a roster spot.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Fraser Minten
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Providence (AHL)
Fared well despite an unsettled season that saw him suit up for four teams. Big, physical scorer.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Dean Letourneau
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
At 6-foot-7, he can dominate physically. But he notched just three points as NCAA freshman.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. William Moore
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 USA U18 (NTDP)
Talented, versatile forward can drive the net with a 'D' on his back. Needs to round out his game.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

6. Georgii Merkulov
Pos C **Age** 24
2024-25 Providence (AHL)
Playmaker again led Baby B's in scoring, but he needs to get to tough areas more often.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

7. Liam Pettersson
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Vaxjo Jr. (Swe.)
Smooth-skating defender got taste of Swedish pro game. Patience is the watchword.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Elliott Groenewold
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Quinnipiac (ECAC)
Looked comfortable as freshman. Plays simple, smart game and doesn't shy away from physicality.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

9. William Zellers
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Green Bay (USHL)
Sharpshooter didn't miss a beat in move from prep school to USHL. Next stop: NCAA North Dakota.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Max Wanner
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Providence (AHL)
Slow, steady development. He doesn't dazzle but plays sound, responsible defensive game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	115 Pastrnak	
80		
60	54 E. Lindholm 52 Zacha 49 Geekie 45 Mittelstadt	McAvoy 43
40	40 Arvidsson	
20	27 Jeannot 24 Eyssimont 24 Poitras 23 Minten 22 Kuraly 20 Beecher 17 Lysell 15 Khusnutdinov 11 Kastelic	H. Lindholm 28 Lohrei 24 Zadorov 19 Peeke 18 Jokiharju 16 Soderstrom 16 Harris 9
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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	@ Washington	7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 9	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Tampa Bay	1:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sun, Oct 19	@ Utah	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Florida	7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Colorado	3:00 PM
Mon, Oct 27	@ Ottawa	7:30 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs NY Islanders	7:15 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Carolina	1:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 21	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ San Jose	8:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs NY Rangers	1:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ St. Louis	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Edmonton	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs NY Rangers	1:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	vs Pittsburgh	5:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Detroit	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Chicago	8:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Dallas	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sun, Feb 1	@ Tampa Bay*	TBD
Wed, Feb 4	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Philadelphia	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Washington	12:30 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Pittsburgh	4:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Washington	3:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Detroit	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 25	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Minnesota	5:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	@ Columbus	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Philadelphia	3:30 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Tampa Bay	12:30 PM
Sun, Apr 12	@ Columbus	6:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM

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Boston BRUINS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Luke Cavallin	24	6-2	196	Right	Swindon, Gbr.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Trois-Rivieres (ECHL)	32	19-10-2	2.13	.929
Michael DiPietro	26	6-1	207	Left	Windsor, Ont.	Trade: Van 10/27/22	Providence (AHL)	40	26-8-7	2.05	.927
Joonas Korpisalo	31	6-3	199	Left	Pori, Fin.	Trade: Ott 6/24/24	Boston	27	11-10-3	2.90	.893
Philip Svedeback	23	6-3	191	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	117th overall (2021)	Providence (HE)	26	14-8-4	2.42	.911
Jeremy Swayman	26	6-3	195	Left	Anchorage, Alaska	111th overall (2017)	Boston	58	22-29-7	3.11	.892
Simon Zajicek	24	6-2	187	Left	Frydlant, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 5/19/25	Litvinov (Cze.)	29	15-13-0	2.12	.930

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jonathan Aspirot	26	6-0	200	Left	Mascouche, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Calgary (AHL)	65	5	24	29	54
Vashek Blanar	18	6-4	183	Left	Vail, Colo.	100th overall (2025)	Ljungby U18 (Swe.)	38	6	15	21	59
Frederic Brunet	22	6-3	196	Left	Gatineau, Que.	132nd overall (2022)	Providence (AHL)	69	5	20	25	29
Roman Bychkov	24	5-11	161	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	154th overall (2019)	Spartak Moscow (KHL)	22	1	1	2	2
Michael Callahan	26	6-2	199	Left	Franklin, Mass.	Trade: Ari 2/22/22	Providence (AHL)	45	1	8	9	30
Jackson Edward	21	6-2	193	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	200th overall (2022)	Providence (AHL)	31	1	6	7	14
Ty Gallagher	22	6-0	188	Right	Clarkston, Mich.	217th overall (2021)	Colorado (NCHC)	37	9	17	26	12
Elliott Groenewold	19	6-2	200	Left	Springfield, Vt.	110th overall (2024)	Quinnipiac (ECAC)	38	4	8	12	18
Jordan Harris	25	5-11	187	Left	Haverhill, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Columbus	33	1	4	5	6
Loke Johansson	19	6-3	214	Left	Huddinge, Swe.	186th overall (2024)	Moncton (QMJHL)	62	4	18	22	58
Henri Jokiharju	26	6-0	200	Right	Oulu, Fin.	Trade: Buf 3/7/25	Buffalo/Boston	60	3	7	10	14
Kristian Kostadinski	20	6-5	213	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	220th overall (2023)	Dubuque (USHL)	62	6	10	16	99
Mason Langenbrunner	23	6-2	166	Right	Dallas, Texas	151st overall (2020)	Harvard (ECAC)	33	6	4	10	24
Hampus Lindholm	31	6-4	224	Left	Helsingborg, Swe.	Trade: Ana 3/19/22	Boston	17	3	4	7	4
Mason Lohrei	24	6-5	220	Left	Baton Rouge, La.	58th overall (2020)	Boston	77	5	28	33	16
Charlie McAvoy	27	6-1	213	Right	Long Beach, N.Y.	14th overall (2016)	Boston	50	7	16	23	46
Andrew Peeke	27	6-3	214	Right	Parkland, Fla.	Trade: Clb 3/8/24	Boston	76	1	16	17	15
Liam Pettersson	18	6-2	170	Left	Gislaved, Swe.	61st overall (2025)	Vaxjo Jr. (Swe.)	39	6	15	21	8
Victor Soderstrom	24	5-11	184	Right	Gavle, Swe.	Trade: Chi 6/13/25	Brynas (Swe.)	49	9	28	37	16
Billy Sweezey	29	6-1	206	Right	Hanson, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Providence (AHL)	64	1	9	10	67
Maximus Wanner	22	6-3	185	Right	Estevan, Sask.	Trade: Edm 3/4/25	Bakersfield/Providence (AHL)	37	1	4	5	35
Nikita Zadorov	30	6-6	248	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Boston	81	4	18	22	145

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Johnny Beecher	24	6-3	220	Left	Elmira, N.Y.	30th overall (2019)	Boston	78	3	8	11	26
Patrick Brown	33	6-1	218	Right	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Providence (AHL)	56	17	29	46	23
Cole Chandler	18	6-2	176	Left	Halifax, N.S.	133rd overall (2025)	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	64	13	19	32	40
Riley Duran	23	6-1	174	Right	Boston, Mass.	182nd overall (2020)	Providence (AHL)	60	12	4	16	12
Michael Eyssimont	29	6-0	191	Left	Littleton, Colo.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Tampa Bay/Seattle	77	9	7	16	63
John Farinacci	24	5-11	197	Right	Red Bank, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 8/16/23	Providence (AHL)	58	10	28	38	6
Andre Gasseau	22	6-4	205	Left	Garden Grove, Calif.	213th overall (2021)	Boston College (HE)	36	15	15	30	49
Morgan Geekie	27	6-3	208	Right	Strathclair, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Boston	77	33	24	57	22
James Hagens	18	5-11	177	Left	Hauppauge, N.Y.	7th overall (2025)	Boston College (HE)	37	11	26	37	24
Brett Harrison	22	6-2	189	Left	London, Ont.	85th overall (2021)	Providence (AHL)	46	6	11	17	10
Beckett Hendrickson	20	6-2	174	Left	Minnetonka, Minn.	124th overall (2023)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	39	3	9	12	18
Mark Kastelic	26	6-4	227	Right	Phoenix, Ariz.	Trade: Ott 6/24/24	Boston	61	5	9	14	106
Marat Khusnutdinov	23	5-11	176	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Min 3/6/25	Minnesota/Boston	75	5	7	12	20
Sean Kuraly	32	6-2	215	Left	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Columbus	82	6	11	17	40
Dean Letourneau	19	6-7	210	Right	Arnprior, Ont.	25th overall (2024)	Boston College (HE)	36	0	3	3	6
Elias Lindholm	30	6-1	202	Right	Boden, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Boston	82	17	30	47	14
Dans Locmelis	21	6-0	170	Left	Jelgava, Lat.	119th overall (2022)	UMass (HE)	40	8	25	33	8
Georgii Merkulov	24	5-11	176	Left	Ryazan, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 4/9/22	Providence (AHL)	59	15	39	54	16
Fraser Minten	21	6-2	195	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	Trade: Tor 3/7/25	Toronto/Providence (AHL)	37	9	11	20	12
Casey Mittelstadt	26	6-1	195	Left	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Trade: Col 3/7/25	Colorado/Boston	81	15	25	40	24
William Moore	18	6-2	175	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	51st overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	64	27	32	59	8
Jonathan Morello	19	6-1	178	Left	Toronto, Ont.	154th overall (2024)	Dubuque (USHL)	59	8	20	28	20
Christopher Pelosi	20	6-1	181	Left	Sewell, N.J.	92nd overall (2023)	Quinnipiac (ECAC)	38	13	11	24	10
Matthew Poitras	21	5-11	180	Right	Ajax, Ont.	54th overall (2022)	Providence (AHL)	40	17	24	41	36
Cole Spicer	21	5-10	175	Left	Grand Forks, N.D.	117th overall (2022)	Dubuque (USHL)	37	9	26	35	0
Alex Steeves	25	6-0	202	Left	St. Paul, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Toronto (AHL)	59	36	26	62	50
Ryan Walsh	22	6-0	180	Right	Rochester, N.Y.	188th overall (2023)	Cornell (ECAC)	36	17	14	31	21
Kirill Yemelyanov	18	6-0	170	Left	Irkutsk, Rus.	165th overall (2025)	Loko-76 Jr./Loko Jr. (Rus.)	38	13	11	24	16
Pavel Zacha	28	6-3	206	Left	Brno, Cze.	Trade: NJ 7/13/22	Boston	82	14	33	47	21

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Tanner Jeannot	28	6-2	220	Left	Estevan, Sask.	Trade: TB 6/29/24	Los Angeles	67	7	6	13	89
Oskar Jellvik	22	5-11	175	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	149th overall (2021)	Boston College (HE)	23	4	9	13	10
Jake Schmaltz	24	6-1	167	Left	McFarland, Wis.	192nd overall (2019)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	6	10	16	26
Cooper Simpson	18	6-0	180	Left	Shakopee, Minn.	79th overall (2025)	Shakopee (USHS)	31	49	34	83	28
Riley Tufte	27	6-6	230	Left	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Providence (AHL)	58	21	21	42	60
Jeffrey Viel	28	6-2	205	Left	Rimouski, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Providence (AHL)	68	13	24	37	148
William Zellers	19	5-10	163	Left	Maple Grove, Minn.	Trade: Col 3/7/25	Green Bay (USHL)	52	44	27	71	59

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Viktor Arvidsson	32	5-10	185	Right	Skelleftea, Swe.	Trade: Edm 7/1/25	Edmonton	67	15	12	27	24
Dalton Bancroft	24	6-3	207	Right	Madoc, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 4/3/25	Cornell (ECAC)	36	15	12	27	48
Matej Blumel	25	6-0	205	Left	Tabor, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Texas (AHL)	67	39	33	72	26
Fabian Lysell	22	5-11	181	Right	Gothenburg, Swe.	21st overall (2021)	Providence (AHL)	52	11	23	34	38
Casper Nassen	21	6-4	205	Right	Norrtalje, Swe.	214th overall (2023)	Miami-Ohio (NCHC)	34	6	4	10	10
David Pastrnak	29	6-0	200	Right	Havirov, Cze.	25th overall (2014)	Boston	82	43	63	106	42

Buffalo SABRES

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
36-39-7 (.482)

OVERTIME
3-5

SHOOTOUT
4-2

OVERALL
26th

OFFENSE
3.23 GPG (10th)

DEFENSE
3.50 GAA (30th)

POWER PLAY
18.8% (24th)

PENALTY KILL
76.4% (23rd)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.49 (23rd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.65 (24th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
A. Tuch (19:15)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
R. Dahlin (24:14)

Fast FACTS

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BY BILL HOPPE

KEVYN ADAMS HAS ALWAYS done things his way, sticking to his vision and refusing to bow to outside pressure. After the Sabres endured a bitterly disappointing 79-point season, finishing 14th in the East and extending their NHL-record playoff drought to 14 years, the GM kept the same coaching staff and made no blockbuster roster additions.

Why? Perhaps the 12-7-1 season-ending run convinced Adams to stick with it. For nearly one-quarter of the schedule, they played a more consistent and mature style. Something seemed to finally click. Following five trying months, players embraced the grittier and more rigid game that coach Lindy Ruff demands. So, they're running it back.

>OFFENSE

In trading JJ Peterka to Utah, the Sabres subtracted a top-six winger and 27 goals from their lineup. They're banking on internal growth replacing some of Peterka's production. While Jack Quinn often struggled last season, he did score 15 times. Rookie Jiri Kulich also registered 15 goals. Both young forwards possess the talent to reach the 25- or 30-goal mark. The Sabres scored 265 times, a 21-goal improvement from the previous campaign. Bounce-back seasons from Tage Thompson, who shifted from center back to right wing in the middle of the year, and Alex Tuch buoyed the surge. The Sabres are hoping Josh Norris, who played just three games after arriving in a trade from Ottawa, can stay healthy and showcase his regular scoring prowess.

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>DEFENSE

With captain Rasmus Dahlin, Bowen Byram and Owen Power, the Sabres possess three high-end defenders 25 and under. Dahlin finished sixth in Norris Trophy voting last season. Byram recorded a career-high 38 points. Power set career bests by registering seven goals and 40 points. Still, as his minus-13 rating illustrates, Power struggled at times. Since entering the league in 2022, he has played alongside several defensemen, rarely enjoying regular company. In Michael Kesselring, the right-shot defenseman the Sabres acquired in the Peterka trade, Power could have a permanent partner. Adams also traded for righty Conor Timmins, who's expected to skate on the third pair. Mattias Samuelsson, who has battled injuries and ineffectiveness, found a groove late last season and seems poised to rebound.

>GOALTENDING

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen regressed last season, morphing from one of the NHL's top goalies late in 2023-24 into a backup when journeyman James Reimer briefly supplanted him. Despite Luukkonen's struggles, the Sabres' starting job is likely his to lose. He'll will have plenty of competition, however. Prospect Devon Levi has developed into one of the AHL's best netminders, and Alex Lyon will also push for playing time.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Over the past two seasons, the Sabres' power play has converted just 17.7 percent of its opportunities, the NHL's fifth-lowest number. Their woeful play has cost them dearly. They ranked fourth in 5-on-5 scoring last season and 13th in 2023-24. An average power play would've likely earned them enough wins to snag a playoff berth. Not long ago, the Sabres relied on Thompson's wicked one-timer from the circle. Opponents caught on, and the power play has struggled to find a groove despite three respected coaches – Matt Ellis, Don Granato and Seth Appert – working to fix it.

>INTANGIBLES

The passionate Dahlin acknowledged last year that he was growing into his new role as captain of the tight-knit team. The 25-year-old embraced the extra responsibility that accompanies the captaincy. As the season progressed and the Sabres fell out of the playoff chase, he acknowledged he had been forced to become more vocal. Dahlin, the Sabres' most talented player, reinforces his message with his work ethic. He's often on the ice long before practice begins.

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>ROOKIES

Despite their cadre of young talent, the Sabres might begin the season with zero regular rookies on their roster. That will only change if a forward prospect like Konsta Helenius, Noah Ostlund, Isak Rosen or Tyson Kozak earns a spot in camp.

>X-FACTOR

Adams and Ruff want the Sabres to become tougher to play against and tighter defensively. Kesselring, Timmins, Justin Danforth and Josh Doan are hardly stars, but the Sabres believe the off-season acquisitions will help them develop the style and identity they must play to compete in the ultra-competitive Atlantic Division.

>THE BRASS

In the face of criticism from the Sabres' disgruntled fan base, Adams has refused to make any panic moves. Adams, who's close with owner Terry Pegula, might be down to his final chance to end the Sabres' embarrassing streak. In May, former Columbus GM Jarmo Kekalainen was hired as a senior advisor. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jason Zucker	1. Josh Norris	1. Tage Thompson
2. Zach Benson	2. Ryan McLeod	2. Alex Tuch
3. Jordan Greenway	3. Jiri Kulich	3. Jack Quinn
4. Beck Malenstyn	4. Peyton Krebs	4. Josh Doan
5. Isak Rosen	5. Tyson Kozak	5. Justin Danforth

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Rasmus Dahlin	6. Conor Timmins	1. Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen
2. Owen Power	7. Jacob Bryson	2. Alex Lyon
3. Bowen Byram	8. Ryan Johnson	3. Devon Levi
4. Mattias Samuelsson	9. Zac Jones	INJURED
5. Michael Kesselring	10. Jack Rathbone	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs JJ Peterka, LW; Connor Clifton, D; James Reimer, G; Sam Lafferty, C; Jacob Bernard-Docker, D

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Konsta Helenius
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
Stellar freshman AHL campaign. His all-around play inspires belief he'll compete for NHL work soon.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

2. Radim Mrtka
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Seattle (WHL)
The 6-foot-6 'D' uses reach well. Fends off forecheckers with size. Some offensive tools, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Noah Ostlund
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
Ostlund's playmaking smarts, with and without the puck, shone through in his first full AHL season.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Anton Wahlberg
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
Power forward skates incredibly well and handles the puck with a deftness that belies his size.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

5. Adam Kleber
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Minn.-Duluth (NCHC)
He can blanket opposing forwards and smother oncoming attacks. Just don't expect much offense.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. Isak Rosen
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
Lethal winger continues to impress with goal-scoring acumen thanks to hard, accurate shot.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

7. Devon Levi
Pos G **Age** 23
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
NHL work may have come too quickly, but he's built his game back up spectacularly in the AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Vsevolod Komarov
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Rochester (AHL)
Shows glimmers of exciting offensive tools and playmaking vision. Rounding out game is necessary.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. Maxim Strbak
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Michigan St. (Big Ten)
Stepped into and fared well in bigger role as sophomore. He'll continue refining skills in NCAA.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Brodie Ziemer
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Minnesota (Big Ten)
At his best in NCAA after returning from solid WJC outing for U.S. Consistency is key as he matures.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80	78 Thompson	Dahlin 74
	71 Tuch	
60	54 Quinn	
	46 Norris	Power 46
	44 Zucker	
40	40 McLeod	Byram 40
	40 Benson	
	38 Kulich	
	33 Krebs	Kesselring 31
	30 Doan	
	26 Danforth	
20	20 Greenway	
	17 Malenstyn	Samuelsson 17
		Jones 13
		Timmins 9
		Bryson 7
0		

SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Colorado	12:30 PM
Wed, Oct 15	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Florida	1:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	@ Montreal	7:30 PM
Wed, Oct 22	vs Detroit	7:30 PM
Fri, Oct 24	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Columbus	6:45 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	vs Calgary	7:30 PM
Fri, Nov 21	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Carolina	1:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs New Jersey	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	vs Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Wed, Dec 3	@ Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Fri, Dec 5	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	@ Seattle	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs NY Islanders	5:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Columbus	3:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 14	vs Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Minnesota	12:30 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Carolina	1:30 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Nashville	5:30 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs Tampa Bay	6:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Los Angeles	4:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Anaheim	8:00 PM
Wed, Mar 25	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 27	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Seattle	5:30 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 8	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Wed, Apr 15	vs Dallas	7:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Buffalo SABRES

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Ryerson Leenders	19	6-1	180	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	219th overall (2024)	Brantford (OHL)	48	31-14-3	3.11	.910
Topias Leinonen	21	6-5	234	Left	Jyvaskyla, Fin.	41st overall (2022)	Mora (Swe.2)	25	13-10-0	2.31	.910
Devon Levi	23	6-0	192	Left	Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que.	Trade: Fla 7/24/21	Rochester (AHL)	42	25-13-6	2.20	.919
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	26	6-5	223	Left	Espoo, Fin.	54th overall (2017)	Buffalo	55	24-24-5	3.20	.887
Alex Lyon	32	6-1	196	Left	Baudette, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Detroit	30	14-9-1	2.81	.896
Samuel Meloche	18	6-2	197	Left	Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Que.	116th overall (2025)	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)	51	30-14-6	2.90	.900
Yevgeni Prokhorov	18	6-3	179	Left	Lida, Blr.	199th overall (2025)	Bobruysk Jr. (Rus.)	28	16-7-3	2.19	.903
Scott Ratzlaff	20	6-1	188	Left	Irma, Alta.	141st overall (2023)	Seattle (WHL)	49	23-19-4	3.16	.910

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
David Bedkowski	18	6-5	221	Right	Toronto, Ont.	71st overall (2025)	Oshawa/Owen Sound (OHL)	37	3	4	7	73
Isaac Belliveau	22	6-2	190	Left	Fleurimont, Que.	Trade: Pit 6/28/25	Wheeling (ECHL)	25	4	12	16	34
Simon-Pier Brunet	19	6-2	199	Right	Gatineau, Que.	123rd overall (2024)	Drummondville (QMJHL)	60	8	24	32	56
Jacob Bryson	27	5-9	177	Left	London, Ont.	99th overall (2017)	Buffalo	48	0	7	7	10
Bowen Byram	24	6-1	205	Left	Cranbrook, B.C.	Trade: Col 3/6/24	Buffalo	82	7	31	38	46
Rasmus Dahlin	25	6-3	204	Left	Lidkoping, Swe.	1st overall (2018)	Buffalo	73	17	51	68	54
Patrick Geary	21	6-1	189	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	172nd overall (2024)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	1	6	7	43
Ryan Johnson	24	6-1	195	Left	Newport Beach, Calif.	31st overall (2019)	Rochester (AHL)	66	2	11	13	38
Zac Jones	24	5-11	190	Left	Richmond, Va.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	NY Rangers	46	1	10	11	24
Sean Keohane	20	6-4	198	Left	Boston, Mass.	173rd overall (2023)	Harvard (ECAC)	11	0	2	2	12
Michael Kesselring	25	6-5	215	Right	New Hampton, N.H.	Trade: Uth 6/26/25	Utah	82	7	22	29	89
Adam Kleber	19	6-6	229	Right	Chaska, Minn.	42nd overall (2024)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	33	2	3	5	13
Vsevolod Komarov	21	6-4	208	Right	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	134th overall (2022)	Rochester (AHL)	69	2	16	18	85
Noah Laberge	18	6-1	187	Left	St-Bruno, Que.	135th overall (2025)	Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)	63	12	23	35	50
Gavin McCarthy	20	6-2	194	Right	Troy, N.Y.	86th overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	39	3	13	16	51
Zach Metsa	26	5-9	181	Right	Delafield, Wis.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Rochester (AHL)	69	7	39	46	16
Radim Mrtka	18	6-6	218	Right	Havlickuv Brod, Cze.	9th overall (2025)	Seattle (WHL)	43	3	32	35	46
Nikita Novikov	22	6-4	205	Left	Moscow, Rus.	188th overall (2021)	Rochester (AHL)	68	6	14	20	52
Luke Osburn	19	6-1	181	Left	Plymouth, Mich.	108th overall (2024)	Youngstown (USHL)	55	10	31	41	18
Norwin Panocha	20	6-2	196	Left	Bayreuth, Ger.	205th overall (2023)	Berlin (Ger.)	16	0	2	2	0
Owen Power	22	6-6	226	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	1st overall (2021)	Buffalo	79	7	33	40	16
Jack Rathbone	26	5-10	177	Left	Boston, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Rochester (AHL)	63	6	17	23	51
Mattias Samuelsson	25	6-4	227	Left	Philadelphia, Pa.	32nd overall (2018)	Buffalo	62	4	10	14	22
Maxim Strbak	20	6-2	196	Right	Kosice, Svk.	45th overall (2023)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	33	3	16	19	16
Conor Timmins	27	6-3	213	Right	St. Catharines, Ont.	Trade: Pit 6/28/25	Toronto/Pittsburgh	68	3	12	15	30

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Zach Benson	20	5-10	170	Left	Chilliwack, B.C.	13th overall (2023)	Buffalo	75	10	18	28	60
Matteo Costantini	23	6-0	191	Left	St. Catharines, Ont.	131st overall (2020)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	40	8	15	23	20
Josh Dunne	26	6-4	211	Left	O'Fallon, Mo.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Rochester (AHL)	68	10	19	29	46
Riley Fiddler-Schultz	23	6-0	200	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Rochester (AHL)	51	13	13	26	14
Konsta Helenius	19	5-11	189	Right	Ylojarvi, Fin.	14th overall (2024)	Rochester (AHL)	65	14	21	35	28
Jake Leschyshyn	26	5-11	196	Left	Raleigh, N.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/16/25	Hartford (AHL)	69	13	11	24	34
Gustav Karlsson	21	6-1	165	Left	Guldsmedshyttan, Swe.	187th overall (2022)	Falun (Swe.3)	32	7	7	14	2
Tyler Kopff	22	6-4	217	Left	Ridgewood, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/25	Brown (ECAC)	32	9	19	28	12
Tyson Kozak	22	5-11	185	Left	Souris, Man.	193rd overall (2021)	Rochester (AHL)	31	8	6	14	37
Peyton Krebs	24	6-0	186	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: Veg 11/4/21	Buffalo	81	10	18	28	60
Matous Jan Kucharcik	18	6-4	180	Left	Vipiteno, Ita.	103rd overall (2025)	Prague (Cze.2)	20	1	3	4	4
Jiri Kulich	21	6-1	190	Left	Kadan, Cze.	28th overall (2022)	Buffalo	62	15	9	24	18
Ryan McLeod	26	6-3	188	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Trade: Edm 7/5/24	Buffalo	79	20	33	53	16
Josh Norris	26	6-2	196	Left	Oxford, Mich.	Trade: Ott 3/7/25	Ottawa/Buffalo	56	21	14	35	44
Noah Ostlund	21	5-11	175	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	16th overall (2022)	Rochester (AHL)	45	19	17	36	14
Ryan Rucinski	18	5-11	180	Right	Broadview Heights, Ohio	219th overall (2025)	Youngstown (USHL)	49	19	23	42	48
Ashton Schultz	18	5-11	190	Right	Minnetonka, Minn.	167th overall (2025)	Sioux Falls/Chicago (USHL)	58	14	25	39	12
Tage Thompson	27	6-6	220	Right	Phoenix, Ariz.	Trade: 7/1/18	Buffalo	76	44	28	72	35
Anton Wahlberg	20	6-5	198	Left	Malmo, Swe.	39th overall (2023)	Rochester (AHL)	63	11	19	30	6

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Mason Geertsen	30	6-4	231	Left	Drayton Valley, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Henderson (AHL)	31	0	5	5	77
Jordan Greenway	28	6-6	231	Left	Canton, N.Y.	Trade: Min 3/3/23	Buffalo	34	3	5	8	45
Beck Malenstyn	27	6-3	209	Left	Delta, B.C.	Trade: Wsh 6/29/24	Buffalo	76	4	6	10	29
Viktor Neuchev	21	5-11	171	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	74th overall (2022)	Rochester (AHL)	39	7	15	22	6
Melvin Novotny	18	6-2	185	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	195th overall (2025)	Leksand Jr. (Swe.)	41	12	26	38	37
Prokhor Poltapov	22	6-0	176	Right	St. Petersburg, Rus.	33rd overall (2021)	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	68	17	23	40	18
Jason Zucker	33	5-11	195	Left	Newport Beach, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Buffalo	73	21	32	53	57

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Justin Danforth	32	5-8	188	Right	Oshawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Columbus	61	9	12	21	18
Josh Doan	23	6-2	198	Right	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Trade: Uth 6/26/25	Utah	51	7	12	19	8
Carson Meyer	28	5-11	187	Right	Powell, Ohio	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Diego (AHL)	29	9	12	21	20
Olivier Nadeau	22	6-1	197	Right	Lac-Etchemin, Que.	97th overall (2021)	Jacksonville (ECHL)	48	28	22	50	38
Jack Quinn	24	6-1	185	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	8th overall (2020)	Buffalo	74	15	24	39	18
Joel Ratkovic Berndtsson	21	6-1	188	Left	Kungalv, Swe.	202nd overall (2022)	Vastervik (Swe.3)	28	16	13	29	22
Jake Richard	21	6-1	188	Right	Jacksonville, Fla.	170th overall (2022)	Connecticut (HE)	34	15	28	43	16
Isak Rosen	22	6-0	180	Left	Solna, Swe.	14th overall (2021)	Rochester (AHL)	61	28	27	55	10
Alex Tuch	29	6-4	219	Right	Syracuse, Ariz.	Trade: Veg 11/4/21	Buffalo	82	36	31	67	47
Vasily Zelenov	19	6-0	194	Left	Moscow, Rus.	204th overall (2024)	Green Bay (USHL)	54	14	19	33	39
Brodie Ziemer	19	5-11	192	Right	Hutchinson, Minn.	71st overall (2024)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	38	12	11	23	21

Calgary FLAMES

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
41-27-14 (.585)

OVERTIME
5-12

SHOOTOUT
5-2

OVERALL
15th

OFFENSE
2.68 GPG (29th)

DEFENSE
2.88 GAA (15th)

POWER PLAY
21.0% (19th)

PENALTY KILL
76.1% (25th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.43 (21st)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.43 (15th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
J. Huberdeau (19:33)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
M. Weegar (24:10)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Ryan Huska

GM
Craig Conroy

CAPTAIN
Mikael Backlund

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Scotiabank Saddledome

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19,289

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BY STEVE MACFARLANE

A SINGLE POINT WAS ALL that separated the Calgary Flames from the playoffs last season, which made things both exciting and frustrating for the franchise and the fans. Many got caught up in the thrill of the post-season chase, but others lamented the depreciating value of the impending draft slot as the team battled down the stretch. Ultimately, everyone was left disappointed. No playoffs and the lowest pick of all the squads that didn't qualify.

The roster is largely unchanged, but for a team that was kept afloat primarily by good vibes and incredible goaltending, expectations from an outside perspective are likely to remain low.

>OFFENSE

Only three teams scored fewer goals last season, and if improvement is to come from within, the team will need Matt Coronato (24), Connor Zary (13) and Morgan Frost (14) to improve their totals. A return to 30-plus goals from Yegor Sharangovich would be huge after he dropped to 17 last year. Much more is needed from the back end, too, with Rasmus Andersson (11) the only blueliner to hit double digits. Given Andersson's uncertain future, the Flames could find themselves with just one experienced offensive blueliner in MacKenzie Weegar. A boost should come from rookie Zayne Parekh, who scored in his lone NHL game to finish last season. It's a risky mix given the offensive leaders are veterans who may see production decrease while waiting for the younger players to emerge.

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>DEFENSE

There were some pleasant surprises on a back end lacking true depth last season, with Joel Hanley becoming a serviceable option and Kevin Bahl looking strong in his first season with the team. Weegar was the best and most consistent defenseman, with Andersson struggling at times and playing through an injury down the stretch. Ultimately, the Flames need more top-four talent to build on their weakest position. Parekh is a player they're hoping can help sooner than later, and fellow prospect Hunter Brzustewicz offers an encouraging future option on the right side. Barring a big trade, not much is going to be different, and the team may struggle even more defensively this season with little apparent upside for Daniil Miromanov and journeyman Jake Bean.

>GOALTENDING

Dustin Wolf answered skeptics in his first full NHL season and emerged as one of the league's most impressive netminders. He finished second in Calder voting and earned a first-place ballot for the Vezina, proving that his lack of size will not prevent him from excelling. Elite athleticism and anticipation helped him rank near the top of many of the advanced goalie metrics, and there's no reason to doubt he can do it again. He'll be backed up by newcomer Ivan Prosvetov.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Flames' lack of potency on the power play and penalty kill continues to support the team's potential for a standings relapse. They were in the bottom half of the league with the man advantage and were in the bottom 10 on the penalty kill. Their top PK forwards, Mikael Backlund and Blake Coleman, are solid, but there wasn't much strength beyond them up front, with Jonathan Huberdeau becoming a regular for the first time in his career. Bahl is the best defensive fit. On the power play, the top unit was also led by aging veterans – Nazem Kadri and Huberdeau – until Morgan Frost came over ahead of the trade deadline. The best chance to improve is adding more youth to the top unit.

>INTANGIBLES

Despite a lack of external expectations, the vibe was positive in the dressing room last year. It showed on the ice, too, with the team's unwavering belief resulting in plenty of third-period comebacks. The veterans have blended well with the youngsters. Pluck doesn't always win you games, but it doesn't hurt to have chemistry and positivity on your side.

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>ROOKIES

Parekh is the most exciting and anticipated Flames rookie since Matthew Tkachuk or Johnny Gaudreau. The 19-year-old is coming off consecutive 33-goal OHL campaigns and scored 107 points in just 61 games last year. He is elite offensively, and there is a good chance he makes the jump, having proven everything he can in the junior ranks.

>X-FACTOR

For the Flames to excel and overcome their roster limitations, it will take another remarkable season of goaltending and a real leap forward from the younger players. A quiet free agency showed GM Craig Conroy is hoping his players in the age range of 19 to 27 can make major contributions and show serious growth.

>THE BRASS

Conroy is trying to make his team younger, but he still works under an ownership mandate that prioritizes playoffs. It's the ultimate hockey oxymoron. Watch for some bigger pieces to be moved at the trade deadline if the Flames are out of the playoff picture earlier this year.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jonathan Huberdeau	1. Nazem Kadri	1. Matt Coronato
2. Connor Zary	2. Morgan Frost	2. Yegor Sharangovich
3. Joel Farabee	3. Mikael Backlund	3. Blake Coleman
4. Ryan Lomberg	4. Justin Kirkland	4. Martin Pospisil
5. Aydar Suniev	5. Samuel Honzek	5. Adam Klapka

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. MacKenzie Weegar	6. Brayden Pachal	1. Dustin Wolf
2. Rasmus Andersson	7. Jake Bean	2. Ivan Prosvetov
3. Kevin Bahl	8. Daniil Miromanov	3. Devin Cooley
4. Zayne Parekh	9. Ilya Solovyov	
5. Joel Hanley	10. Nick Cicek	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Dan Vladar, G; Kevin Rooney, C; Anthony Mantha, RW, Tyson Barrie, D

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Zayne Parekh
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Saginaw (OHL)
A WJC snub, Parekh replied by putting up the ninth 100-point season by a D-man in OHL history.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Cole Reschny
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Victoria (WHL)
Output results from outwitting opposition. He can maximize potential by improving his mobility.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Samuel Honzek
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Calgary (AHL)
Skill and edge led to spot on opening-night roster, but he ended up in AHL battling ups and downs.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Hunter Brzustewicz
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Calgary (AHL)
Penchant for finding perfect passing lanes. Encouraging, even if overall game is work in progress.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Matvei Gridin
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Shawinigan (QMJHL)
Great 'Q' campaign for steady scorer. Equally dangerous on the rush and as stationary triggerman.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Cullen Potter
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Arizona State (NCHC)
Tremendous skater can change speeds to blow by defenders. Not afraid to battle in the tough areas.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Andrew Basha
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
Vision and playmaking stand out. He sets himself apart with willingness to go to hard areas.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Henry Mews
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Sudbury (OHL)
Smooth skater had breakout OHL campaign. He plays a heads-up game, always looking for offense.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Etienne Morin
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Moncton (QMJHL)
Blueline bruiser who can put up points. Will need to adjust to speed of pro game in AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Aydar Suniev
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 UMass (HE)
Crafty scorer is tough to knock off the puck. Time in NCAA helped him round out his skill set.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS DEFENSEMEN

100

80

70 Kadri

60

61 Huberdeau

56 Frost

52 Coronato

Parekh 46

42 Sharangovich
41 Coleman
40 Zary
40 Farabee

40

Weegar 37

33 Backlund

Andersson 31

28 Pospisil
26 Klapka

20

Bahl 16

14 Lomberg

Hanley 13
Bean 12

Pachal 9
Miromanov 9

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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs St. Louis	4:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Vegas	9:00 PM
Wed, Oct 15	@ Utah	9:30 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	vs Winnipeg	9:30 PM
Wed, Oct 22	vs Montreal	8:30 PM
Fri, Oct 24	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Toronto	6:30 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Nashville	3:30 PM
Sun, Nov 2	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	vs Columbus	9:30 PM
Fri, Nov 7	vs Chicago	9:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Wed, Nov 19	@ Buffalo	7:30 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ Vancouver	9:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Florida	4:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	@ Carolina	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Minnesota	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	vs Buffalo	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	vs Detroit	8:30 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Seattle	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Boston	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs Philadelphia	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 5	vs Seattle	9:30 PM
Wed, Jan 7	@ Montreal	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Pittsburgh	3:30 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs NY Islanders	3:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs New Jersey	9:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs Pittsburgh	9:30 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs Washington	9:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	vs Anaheim	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs San Jose	4:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Toronto	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ Anaheim	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Dallas	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	vs Ottawa	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Mon, Mar 9	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	vs St. Louis	9:30 PM
Fri, Mar 20	vs Florida	9:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Tampa Bay	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Anaheim	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	@ Colorado	8:30 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Seattle	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	vs Utah	9:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Colorado	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	vs Los Angeles	9:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Calgary FLAMES

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Daniil Chechelev	24	6-3	187	Right	Khabarovsk, Rus.	96th overall (2020)	Yunison Moscow (Rus.2)	11	2-4-1	3.61	.888
Devin Cooley	28	6-5	192	Left	Los Gatos, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Calgary (AHL)	46	21-17-7	2.94	.905
Ivan Prosvetov	26	6-5	195	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	38	20-16-2	2.32	.920
Owen Say	24	6-2	185	Left	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/24/25	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	27	10-15-0	2.82	.920
Arsenii Sergeev	22	6-3	192	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	205th overall (2021)	Penn State (Big Ten)	33	19-9-4	2.54	.919
Dustin Wolf	24	6-0	166	Left	Gilroy, Calif.	214th overall (2019)	Calgary	53	29-16-8	2.64	.910
Yegor Yegorov	20	6-3	183	Left	Moscow, Rus.	176th overall (2023)	Kryl. Sovetov Jr. (Rus.)	20	7-10-1	3.14	.904
Kirill Zarubin	20	6-3	178	Left	Penza, Rus.	84th overall (2024)	AKM Tula Jr. (Rus.)	21	12-9-0	2.34	.935

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Rasmus Andersson	28	6-1	202	Right	Malmo, Swe.	53rd overall (2015)	Calgary	81	11	20	31	60
Kevin Bahl	25	6-6	230	Left	New Westminster, B.C.	Trade: NJ 6/19/24	Calgary	73	3	17	20	35
Jake Bean	27	6-1	191	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Calgary	64	2	5	7	8
Hunter Brzustewicz	20	6-0	190	Right	Washington, Mich.	Trade: Van 1/31/24	Calgary (AHL)	70	5	27	32	14
Nick Cicek	25	6-3	201	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Mannheim (Ger.)	50	3	14	17	79
Artem Grushnikov	22	6-1	203	Left	Voskresensk, Rus.	Trade: Dal 2/28/24	Calgary (AHL)	61	1	4	5	24
Joel Hanley	34	5-11	186	Left	Keswick, Ont.	Waivers: Dal 3/5/24	Calgary	53	2	7	9	21
Axel Hurtig	20	6-4	202	Left	Hogas, Swe.	208th overall (2023)	Calgary (WHL)	55	5	11	16	29
Eric Jamieson	20	6-3	200	Left	Calgary, Alta.	177th overall (2024)	Everett (WHL)	66	14	22	36	61
Yan Kuznetsov	23	6-4	209	Left	Murmansk, Rus.	50th overall (2020)	Calgary (AHL)	72	6	15	21	38
Jakob Leander	18	6-4	196	Right	Jonkoping, Swe.	208th overall (2025)	HV71 Jr. (Swe.)	39	1	5	6	49
Henry Mews	19	6-0	181	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	74th overall (2024)	Ottawa/Sudbury (OHL)	68	14	68	82	88
Daniil Miromanov	28	6-4	207	Right	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Veg 3/7/24	Calgary	44	2	7	9	12
Etienne Morin	20	6-0	180	Left	Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Que.	48th overall (2023)	Moncton (QMJHL)	62	14	44	58	36
Nikita Okhotiuk	24	6-1	195	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Trade: SJ 3/8/24	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	62	2	7	9	30
Brayden Pachal	26	6-2	202	Right	Estevan, Sask.	Waivers: Veg 2/4/24	Calgary	76	3	9	12	88
Zayne Parekh	19	6-0	179	Right	Markham, Ont.	9th overall (2024)	Saginaw (OHL)	61	33	74	107	96
Maceo Phillips	18	6-6	228	Left	Wayzata, Minn.	80th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	60	2	4	6	103
Jeremie Poirier	23	6-1	196	Left	Valleyfield, Que.	72nd overall (2020)	Calgary (AHL)	71	5	37	42	64
Ilya Solovyov	25	6-3	208	Left	Mogilev, Blr.	205th overall (2020)	Calgary (AHL)	59	6	22	28	34
MacKenzie Weegar	31	6-0	206	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Trade: Fla 7/22/22	Calgary	81	8	39	47	33

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Mikael Backlund	36	6-0	206	Left	Vasteras, Swe.	24th overall (2007)	Calgary	76	15	17	32	32
Clark Bishop	29	6-1	197	Left	St. John's, Nfld.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Calgary (AHL)	66	19	19	38	31
Blake Coleman	33	5-11	199	Left	Plano, Texas	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Calgary	82	15	24	39	36
Morgan Frost	26	6-0	193	Left	Aurora, Ont.	Trade: Phi 1/30/25	Philadelphia/Calgary	81	14	23	37	22
Jonathan Huberdeau	32	6-1	200	Left	St-Jerome, Que.	Trade: Fla 7/22/22	Calgary	81	28	34	62	34
Nazem Kadri	34	6-0	185	Left	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 8/18/22	Calgary	82	35	32	67	72
Rory Kerins	23	5-10	175	Left	Caledon, Ont.	174th overall (2020)	Calgary (AHL)	63	33	28	61	18
Carter King	24	5-11	190	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 4/14/25	Denver (NCHC)	44	21	22	43	16
Justin Kirkland	29	6-3	183	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/24	Calgary	21	2	6	8	11
Hunter Laing	19	6-5	205	Right	Virginia Beach, Va.	170th overall (2024)	Prince George/Saskatoon (WHL)	64	25	23	48	31
Jaden Lipinski	20	6-4	204	Right	Scottsdale, Ariz.	112th overall (2023)	Vancouver (WHL)	59	17	41	58	38
Cade Littler	21	6-3	197	Right	East Wenatchee, Wash.	219th overall (2022)	North Dakota (NCHC)	33	7	2	9	21
Luke Misa	19	5-10	170	Left	Oakville, Ont.	150th overall (2024)	Brampton (OHL)	67	34	51	85	6
Martin Pospisil	25	6-2	173	Left	Zvolen, Svk.	105th overall (2018)	Calgary	81	4	21	25	84
Cullen Potter	18	5-10	172	Left	Hortonville, Wis.	32nd overall (2025)	Arizona St. (NCHC)	35	13	9	22	6
Cole Reschny	18	5-11	183	Left	Macklin, Sask.	18th overall (2025)	Victoria (WHL)	62	26	66	92	44
Yegor Sharangovich	27	6-2	196	Left	Minsk, Blr.	Trade: NJ 6/27/23	Calgary	73	17	15	32	8
Theo Stockselius	18	6-2	181	Left	Norrtalje, Swe.	54th overall (2025)	Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)	40	22	29	51	50
Connor Zary	24	6-0	178	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	24th overall (2020)	Calgary	54	13	14	27	14

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Andrew Basha	19	5-11	174	Left	Calgary, Alta.	41st overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	23	9	20	29	30
Parker Bell	22	6-4	192	Left	Estevan, Sask.	155th overall (2022)	Calgary (AHL)	61	7	5	12	33
Lucas Ciona	22	6-3	210	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	173rd overall (2021)	Calgary (AHL)	68	8	14	22	75
Joel Farabee	25	6-0	186	Left	Syracuse, N.Y.	Trade: Phi 1/30/25	Philadelphia/Calgary	81	11	14	25	34
Samuel Honzek	20	6-4	186	Left	Trencin, Svk.	16th overall (2023)	Calgary (AHL)	52	8	13	21	18
Dryden Hunt	29	6-0	193	Left	Cranbrook, B.C.	Trade: Tor 3/3/23	Calgary (AHL)	49	16	33	49	40
Demetrios Koumontzis	25	5-10	183	Left	Pittsburgh, Pa.	108th overall (2018)	Idaho (ECHL)	35	6	9	15	6
Ryan Lomberg	30	5-9	184	Left	Richmond Hill, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Calgary	80	3	10	13	57
Yan Matveiko	19	6-1	150	Left	Moscow, Rus.	211th overall (2025)	Krasnaya Armiya Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	42	10	14	24	14
Sam Morton	26	6-0	185	Left	Lafayette, Colo.	Free Agent: signed 3/18/24	Calgary (AHL)	70	20	25	45	18
William Stromgren	22	6-3	175	Left	Ornskoldsvik, Swe.	45th overall (2021)	Calgary (AHL)	70	14	35	49	16
Aydar Suniev	20	6-2	198	Left	Kazan, Rus.	80th overall (2023)	UMass (HE)	35	20	18	38	41
Ethan Wyttenbach	18	5-10	180	Right	Roslyn, N.Y.	144th overall (2025)	Sioux Falls (USHL)	44	24	27	51	28

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jacob Battaglia	19	6-1	196	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	62nd overall (2024)	Kingston (OHL)	68	40	50	90	34
Matt Coronato	22	5-10	183	Right	Greenlawn, N.Y.	13th overall (2021)	Calgary	77	24	23	47	25
Matvei Gridin	19	6-1	182	Left	Kurgan, Rus.	28th overall (2024)	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	56	36	43	79	27
Trevor Hoskin	21	6-1	175	Right	Belleville, Ont.	106th overall (2024)	Niagara (AHA)	36	12	27	39	12
Adam Klapka	25	6-8	235	Right	Prague, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 5/16/22	Calgary (AHL)	33	14	12	26	50
Aidan Lane	18	6-1	193	Right	Mississauga, Ont.	176th overall (2025)	St. Andrew's (CAHS)	55	34	52	86	52

Carolina HURRICANES

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
47-30-5 (.604)

OVERTIME
5-2

SHOOTOUT
0-3

OVERALL
10th

OFFENSE
3.24 GPG (9th)

DEFENSE
2.80 GAA (10th)

POWER PLAY
18.7% (25th)

PENALTY KILL
83.6% (1st)

EXPECTED GF/60
3.03 (1st)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.39 (11th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
S. Aho (20:06)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. Slavin (21:34)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Rod Brind'Amour

GM
Eric Tulsky

CAPTAIN
Jordan Staal

ARENA
Lenovo Center

CAPACITY
18,680

AHL AFFILIATE
Chicago Wolves

ECHL AFFILIATE
Greensboro Gargoyles

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BY LUKE DECOCK

AFTER ADVANCING THROUGH AT least one playoff round yet again, the Hurricanes ran into Florida in the East final for the second time in three seasons. This time, at least, they won a game. But it's clear where the bar is set to make it to the Stanley Cup final, and without any salary-cap issues, the Hurricanes were as aggressive with their additions as they have been with the puck under Rod Brind'Amour.

The core of the team – Jaccob Slavin, Sebastian Aho, Andrei Svechnikov and Seth Jarvis – has not changed. Nikolaj Ehlers gives them more firepower, while K'Andre Miller offers more size and should be a better fit in Carolina, given the way the Hurricanes play, than he was in New York.

>OFFENSE

Aho continues to develop into a dangerous two-way center, but the team is strongest on the wings, where they return Svechnikov, Jarvis, Logan Stankoven and Taylor Hall, and where they added Ehlers as a free agent. Jackson Blake was a pleasant rookie surprise, and Jordan Martinook, Eric Robinson and William Carrier provide size. Jordan Staal remains an elite defensive center even at 37, but the Hurricanes were looking for an upgrade down the middle over Jesperi Kotkaniemi, who will get another shot unless a deal is made before opening night.

>DEFENSE

Thanks in part to Slavin's star turn at the 4 Nations Face-Off, the hockey world is finally coming around to his

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SETH JARVIS

ability to singlehandedly defuse offensive chances. The question is, after Brent Burns' departure, who plays alongside Slavin? That could be Jalen Chatfield or Sean Walker, both of whom have thrived in Carolina's man-to-man system. The Hurricanes love Miller's skating ability and size, but he gives them a glut of left-shot 'D' along with much-anticipated rookie Alexander Nikishin. Shayne Gostisbehere, the power-play triggerman, is most likely to slide to his right. The blueline will have a different look without Burns and Dmitry Orlov, but it remains a mobile group of puck-movers.

>GOALTENDING

The Canes will run it back in net with Frederik Andersen and Pyotr Kochetkov. Andersen has been excellent when healthy, but it will likely be more of a time-share in the goal this season as Kochetkov continues to grow into the top role. They're an odd pair, with Kochetkov as fiery and streaky as Andersen is placid and solid, but both have shown the ability to win playoff games. Cayden Primeau provides system depth. Andersen's durability remains a concern, but Kochetkov should be able to take more of the load in the regular season.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Hurricanes have established themselves as the NHL's most dangerous penalty-killing operation under Brind'Amour, which is no surprise given his defensive pedigree, but the power play remains a work in progress. Slavin, Aho and Staal are the most important pieces shorthanded, although someone's going to have to pick up the minutes that Burns and Orlov played. Gostisbehere was a credible power-play quarterback, and the Hurricanes usually don't have much trouble entering the zone. But they have a habit of becoming passive and perimeter-oriented at their worst. Ehlers will help with that, and Svechnikov can contribute more than he has to this point in his career.

>INTANGIBLES

There isn't a team in the NHL that reflects its coach's personality more than the Hurricanes, who have played with the same hard-charging identity since Brind'Amour was hired in 2018. They get the puck up the ice quickly, attack ferociously and fire shots at the net, a style critiqued as boring last spring, even en route to their third conference final in seven seasons. The catch all along has been finding players who can convert the myriad chances the Hurricanes create.

>ROOKIES

Nikishin was considered the best player in the world outside the NHL, and he improved throughout the postseason despite being thrown into the maw after arriving in North America. He's big, strong and fearless, and if the offense comes, he's a legitimate Calder candidate. There's not much room for 2023 first-round pick Bradly Nadeau on the wing, but no one saw Blake coming at this time last year, either.

>X-FACTOR

At this point, the Hurricanes are a proven commodity, but the question remains: do they have what it takes to get over the top and play for the Stanley Cup, let alone win it? Until they do, skepticism will linger that the Hurricanes are built to win in the regular season, not the post-season.

>THE BRASS

Eric Tulsky enters his second season as GM, with owner Tom Dundon exercising considerable influence on the analytically driven construction of the team. Brind'Amour gets more of a say on the roster than most coaches, given his impact on the way they play.

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Andrei Svechnikov	1. Sebastian Aho	1. Seth Jarvis
2. Nikolaj Ehlers	2. Jesperi Kotkaniemi	2. Logan Stankoven
3. Taylor Hall	3. Jordan Staal	3. Jackson Blake
4. Jordan Martinook	4. Mark Jankowski	4. William Carrier
5. Eric Robinson	5. Tyson Jost	5. Bradly Nadeau

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Jaccob Slavin	6. Alexander Nikishin	1. Frederik Andersen
2. K'Andre Miller	7. Mike Reilly	2. Pyotr Kochetkov
3. Sean Walker	8. Domenick Fensore	3. Cayden Primeau
4. Jalen Chatfield	9. Joel Nystrom	
5. Shayne Gostisbehere	10. Dominik Badinka	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Brent Burns, D; Dmitry Orlov, D; Jesper Fast, RW; Jack Roslovic, C; Spencer Martin, G; Dustin Tokarski, G

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ALEXANDER NIKISHIN

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Alexander Nikishin
Pos D **Age** 23
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Arrived and slotted into Canes' playoff lineup. Has the offensive tools to be a game-changer.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Bradly Nadeau
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Chicago (AHL)
Skates well. Scores better. His 32 goals were most among AHL rookies and fifth in the entire circuit.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Nikita Artamonov
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)
He'll put up points, but his bread and butter is creating chaos on the forecheck. Perfect fit for Canes.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Semyon Frolov
Pos G **Age** 18
2024-25 Spartak Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
Plays with patience and poise. He's got good size and athleticism. Jump up to KHL coming soon.
Expected NHL Arrival '31-32

5. Felix Unger Sorum
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Chicago (AHL)
So defensively sound, he's the rare player who moved from wing to center. Requires AHL seasoning.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Dominik Badinka
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Malmo (Swe.)
Logged regular minutes in SHL, then got AHL experience. Big blueliner is a project for now.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Charlie Cerrato
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Penn State (Big Ten)
Has playmaking and scoring touch, but he'll sacrifice both for playing a sound 200-foot game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Noel Fransen
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Vasteras (Swe.2)
Campaign in Allsvenskan good for development. Shifty and smooth-skating, but he must add strength.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

9. Ivan Ryabkin
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Muskegon (USHL)
Draft-day dropper finished second in USHL playoff scoring after a turbulent season. Tools to be steal.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Alexander Rykov
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Chelyabinsk (KHL)
Shifty winger shows flashes of reaching new gear. Needs to find consistency at next level.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	
85 Aho	
80	
70 Jarvis	
66 Svechnikov	
61 Ehlers	
60	
	Gostisbehere 53
50 Stankoven	
42 Hall	
40	
36 Kotkaniemi 35 Martinook	Miller 34
33 Staal	Nikishin 31 Slavin 30
27 Blake 25 Robinson	
	Chatfield 21
20	
20 Nadeau	
16 Jankowski 16 Carrier	
14 Jost	Walker 13
	Reilly 8
0	

SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Vegas	7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Boston	1:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	@ Minnesota	9:30 PM
Fri, Nov 21	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Winnipeg	5:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	vs Calgary	5:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	vs San Jose	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Philadelphia	5:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Buffalo	1:30 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Washington	5:00 PM
Sun, Feb 1	vs Los Angeles	3:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs New Jersey	5:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	vs Montreal	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Ottawa	5:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Utah	5:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Carolina HURRICANES

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Frederik Andersen	35	6-4	229	Left	Herning, Den.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Carolina	22	13-8-1	2.50	.899
Semyon Frolov	18	6-3	203	Left	Togliatti, Rus.	41st overall (2025)	Tog. Jr./Spartak Jr./Krylia Jr. (Rus.)	27	16-7-3	2.12	.921
Ruslan Khazheyev	20	6-6	201	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	158th overall (2023)	Chicago (AHL)	20	5-13-0	3.49	.876
Pyotr Kochetkov	26	6-3	193	Left	Penza, Rus.	36th overall (2019)	Carolina	47	27-16-3	2.60	.898
Jacob Kucharski	26	6-4	215	Left	Erie, Pa.	197th overall (2018)	Reading (ECHL)	3	1-0-1	5.09	.852
Amir Miftakhov	25	6-0	172	Left	Kazan, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Kazan (KHL)	30	13-11-3	2.18	.927
Cayden Primeau	26	6-3	205	Left	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Trade: Mtl 6/30/25	Laval (AHL)	26	21-2-3	1.96	.927
Nikita Quapp	22	6-3	187	Left	Ravensburg, Ger.	187th overall (2021)	Dusseldorf (Ger.)	9	0-5-0	4.08	.870
Egor Velmakin	22	6-2	172	Left	Moscow, Rus.	222nd overall (2023)	Minsk (KHL)	12	3-4-3	2.09	.916
Jakub Vondras	21	6-3	180	Right	Plzen, Cze.	171st overall (2022)	Pardubice B (Cze.2)	18	6-9-0	3.32	.890

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Dominik Badinka	19	6-3	183	Right	Chomutov, Cze.	34th overall (2024)	Malmo (Swe.)	49	2	3	5	18
Roman Bausov	18	6-5	179	Right	St. Petersburg, Rus.	87th overall (2025)	Dynamo St. Petersburg Jr. (Rus.)	41	2	9	11	20
Gavin Bayreuther	31	6-2	210	Left	Canaan, N.H.	Free Agent: signed 7/11/25	Lausanne (Sui.)	52	5	18	23	47
Jalen Chatfield	29	6-1	199	Right	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/29/21	Carolina	79	7	11	18	54
Domenick Fensore	24	5-9	175	Left	Bronxville, N.Y.	90th overall (2019)	Chicago (AHL)	67	9	23	32	39
Simon Forsmark	21	6-2	191	Left	Orebro, Swe.	101st overall (2022)	Timra (Swe.)	49	4	19	23	10
Noel Fransen	19	6-0	183	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	69th overall (2024)	Vasteras (Swe.2)	50	3	17	20	8
Shayne Gostisbehere	32	5-11	183	Left	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Detroit	70	7	38	45	52
Vladimir Grudinin	21	5-10	158	Left	Angarsk, Rus.	156th overall (2022)	Cherepovets (KHL)	63	3	11	14	16
Aleksi Heimosalmi	22	6-0	181	Right	Pori, Fin.	44th overall (2021)	Chicago (AHL)	56	5	9	14	26
Timur Kol	19	6-4	204	Left	Moscow, Rus.	168th overall (2024)	SKA-1946 Jr. (Rus.)	16	2	5	7	6
Charles-Alexis Legault	22	6-4	215	Right	Montreal, Que.	139th overall (2023)	Chicago (AHL)	63	3	11	14	58
Kurban Limatov	18	6-3	198	Left	Moscow, Rus.	67th overall (2025)	Dynamo Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	46	8	15	23	44
K'Andre Miller	25	6-5	210	Left	St. Paul, Minn.	Trade: NYR 7/1/25	NY Rangers	74	7	20	27	22
Bryce Montgomery	22	6-4	230	Right	Washington, D.C.	170th overall (2021)	Bloomington (ECHL)	51	2	8	10	26
Alexander Nikishin	23	6-4	216	Left	Orel, Rus.	69th overall (2020)	St. Petersburg (KHL)	61	17	29	46	32
Joel Nystrom	23	5-11	170	Right	Karlstad, Swe.	219th overall (2021)	Farjestad (Swe.)	51	6	21	27	8
Alexander Pelevin	21	6-1	183	Left	Balakhna, Rus.	205th overall (2022)	Nizhny Novgorod (Rus.2)	48	2	10	12	20
Mike Reilly	32	6-2	191	Left	Chicago, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	NY Islanders	18	0	2	2	2
Ronan Seeley	23	6-0	197	Left	Yellowknife, N.W.T.	208th overall (2020)	Chicago (AHL)	69	3	7	10	4
Roman Shokhrin	19	6-5	205	Left	Nizhny Novgorod, Rus.	184th overall (2024)	Loko-76 Jr./Loko Jr. (Rus.)	45	2	21	23	53
Alexander Siryatsky	19	6-2	159	Left	Omsk, Rus.	124th overall (2024)	Magnitogorsk (Rus.2)	49	0	10	10	18
Jaccob Slavin	31	6-3	207	Left	Denver, Colo.	120th overall (2012)	Carolina	80	6	21	27	8
Sean Walker	30	5-11	191	Right	Keswick, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Carolina	82	5	11	16	46

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Sebastian Aho	28	6-0	180	Left	Rauma, Fin.	35th overall (2015)	Carolina	79	29	45	74	46
Skyler Brind'Amour	26	6-2	195	Left	Raleigh, N.C.	Free Agent: signed 10/5/24	Chicago (AHL)	68	16	8	24	40
Charlie Cerrato	20	6-0	190	Left	Great Falls, Va.	49th overall (2025)	Penn State (Big Ten)	38	15	27	42	58
Nikita Guslistov	23	5-10	178	Left	Cherepovets, Rus.	209th overall (2021)	Brest (Blr.)	14	2	4	6	8
Mark Jankowski	31	6-4	212	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	Trade: Nsh 3/7/25	Nashville/Carolina	60	12	5	17	33
Seth Jarvis	23	5-10	184	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	13th overall (2020)	Carolina	73	32	35	67	16
Tyson Jost	27	5-11	187	Left	St. Albert, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Carolina	39	4	5	9	33
Jesperi Kotkaniemi	25	6-3	203	Left	Pori, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 8/28/21	Carolina	78	12	21	33	50
Justin Robidas	22	5-8	176	Right	Plano, Texas	147th overall (2021)	Chicago (AHL)	70	20	35	55	10
Ivan Ryabkin	18	5-11	205	Left	Balakovo, Rus.	62nd overall (2025)	Muskegon (USHL)	27	19	11	30	70
Jordan Staal	37	6-4	220	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Trade: Pit 6/22/12	Carolina	75	13	23	36	16
Logan Stankoven	22	5-8	165	Right	Kamloops, B.C.	Trade: Dal 3/7/25	Dallas/Carolina	78	14	24	38	18
Ryan Suzuki	24	6-1	196	Left	London, Ont.	28th overall (2019)	Chicago (AHL)	69	12	47	59	28
Felix Unger Sorum	20	6-0	184	Right	Trondheim, Nor.	62nd overall (2023)	Chicago (AHL)	61	5	15	20	12

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nikita Artamonov	19	5-11	187	Left	Nizhnekamsk, Rus.	50th overall (2024)	Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	63	22	17	39	22
Fyodor Avramov	19	6-3	190	Right	St. Petersburg, Rus.	188th overall (2024)	Rostov (Rus.2)	22	4	2	6	8
William Carrier	30	6-2	220	Left	LaSalle, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Carolina	43	4	7	11	16
Nikolaj Ehlers	29	6-0	172	Left	Aalborg, Den.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Winnipeg	69	24	39	63	17
Taylor Hall	33	6-1	210	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: Chi 1/24/25	Chicago/Carolina	77	18	24	42	36
Juha Jaaska	27	6-0	210	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 4/9/24	Chicago (AHL)	53	12	21	33	38
Andrey Krutov	19	5-11	174	Left	Togliatti, Rus.	220th overall (2024)	Nizhny Novgorod (Rus.2)	36	15	7	22	20
Jordan Martinook	33	6-1	208	Left	Brandon, Man.	Trade: Ari 5/3/18	Carolina	79	15	21	36	18
Timur Mukhanov	20	5-7	178	Right	Glazov, Rus.	163rd overall (2023)	Cherepovets (KHL)	60	3	10	13	16
Bradly Nadeau	20	5-11	172	Right	St-Francois de Madaw, N.B.	30th overall (2023)	Chicago (AHL)	64	32	26	58	36
Viggo Nordlund	19	5-9	168	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	183rd overall (2025)	Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)	40	24	25	49	55
Alexander Perevalov	21	6-0	191	Right	Mezhdurechensk, Rus.	71st overall (2022)	Omsk/Novokuznetsk (Rus.2)	47	11	18	29	8
Eric Robinson	30	6-2	211	Left	Bellmawr, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Carolina	82	14	18	32	10
Josiah Slavin	26	6-3	205	Left	Erie, Colo.	Free Agent: signed 7/7/24	Chicago (AHL)	66	12	9	21	26
Gleb Trikozov	21	6-2	201	Right	Omsk, Rus.	60th overall (2022)	Chicago (AHL)	20	2	1	3	4
Oskar Vuollet	19	5-11	173	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	133rd overall (2024)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	44	4	5	9	0

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jackson Blake	22	5-11	178	Right	Fargo, N.D.	109th overall (2021)	Carolina	80	17	17	34	30
Filip Ekberg	18	5-10	170	Left	Uppsala, Swe.	221st overall (2025)	Ottawa (OHL)	53	16	29	45	8
Michael Emerson	21	6-1	192	Right	Yorktown Heights, N.Y.	190th overall (2023)	Merrimack (HE)	32	6	6	12	0
Noel Gunler	23	6-2	185	Right	Lulea, Swe.	41st overall (2020)	Chicago (AHL)	58	13	13	26	39
Nils Juntorp	21	6-0	170	Right	Ulricehamn, Swe.	Trade: Chi 1/24/25	Norrahammar (Swe.3)	33	11	9	20	4
Jayden Perron	20	5-9	163	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	94th overall (2023)	North Dakota (NCHC)	31	10	9	19	7
Justin Poirier	19	5-7	185	Right	Valleyfield, Que.	156th overall (2024)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	58	43	37	80	57
Alexander Rykov	20	6-0	176	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	100th overall (2023)	Chelyabinsk (KHL)	22	2	4	6	8
Andrei Svechnikov	25	6-3	199	Left	Barnaul, Rus.	2nd overall (2018)	Carolina	72	20	28	48	59
Stanislav Yarovoi	22	5-11	190	Right	Tuymazy, Rus.	126th overall (2023)	Vityaz Moscow Region (KHL)	49	9	3	12	6

Chicago BLACKHAWKS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
25-46-11 (.372)

OVERTIME
3-7

SHOOTOUT
2-4

OVERALL
31st

OFFENSE
2.73 GPG (26th)

DEFENSE
3.56 GAA (31st)

POWER PLAY
24.9% (7th)

PENALTY KILL
79.3% (14th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.10 (32nd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.78 (29th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
C. Bedard (20:17)

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BY JARED CLINTON

IT WOULD BE A LIBERAL use of the word to call the Blackhawks' 2024-25 season one of progress. Going solely by the standings, Chicago improved to the tune of two wins and nine points, the end result of which was a repeat 31st-place finish.

But squint a bit and you can begin to see the outline of a team with honest-to-goodness promise. The Blackhawks picked up points in five of their final six games last season, winning four of them. They played some of their most exciting hockey during that stretch, and, for the first time since Connor Bedard's arrival, it looked as though the burgeoning superstar wasn't the lone weapon in the lineup.

Does it translate to a big leap this season? Unlikely. But the Hawks, under the guidance of coach Jeff Blashill, will look to transition from the easy out they've been over the past two campaigns to a legitimate handful for opponents.

>OFFENSE

The offense centers on the preternaturally gifted Bedard, who led the Blackhawks in scoring in both his rookie and sophomore seasons. But a multi-pronged attack could see Bedard reach even greater heights. Frank Nazar's late-season heroics and performance at the World Championship suggest he's ready to become an impact player, while Oliver Moore looked confident stepping out of the college game and into Chicago's lineup. The veteran contingent isn't awe-inspiring, but Ryan Donato, Teuvo Teravainen and Tyler Bertuzzi must only insulate the youthful core.

ALEX VLASIC

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>DEFENSE

No defender in the NHL is in a greater sink-or-swim position than Alex Vlasic, who is pencilled in as Chicago's No. 1 defenseman. With Seth Jones out of the picture and Alec Martinez retiring, Connor Murphy is the Blackhawks' only veteran presence on the back end, which means Vlasic, the next-most experienced defenseman, is going to be leaned on heavily. Artyom Levshunov and Sam Rinzel are going to play more consistent roles, and Kevin Korchinski will push for a full-time NHL return. Still, the blueline's fortunes come down to Vlasic. No pressure.

>GOALTENDING

Once lauded as the future of the Florida Panthers' crease, Spencer Knight arrived ahead of last season's trade deadline and immediately turned in an impressive 41-save performance. The rest of the campaign was less awe-inspiring, however, as Knight posted an .885 save percentage in his final 14 games. Granted, there were mitigating circumstances – namely, playing behind the Blackhawks' ragtag defense – that give Chicago faith the 24-year-old will make good on his considerable upside. Meanwhile, the Blackhawks are hopeful Laurent Brossoit can return from the knee surgeries that sidelined him for the entirety of last season to split time in the crease. Otherwise, Arvid Soderblom is the likely second-stringer.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The only area the Blackhawks won't need to see marked improvement is their special-teams play. With Bedard acting as both distributor and trigger-man, Chicago was able to author the league's seventh-most-effective man advantage. On many nights, the power play was the Blackhawks' sole source of gaining any momentum. The penalty kill was also uncharacteristically solid given the 5-on-5 defensive results. Only 10 teams allowed fewer shot attempts against per 60 shorthanded minutes. The commitment to limiting attempts helped give the Blackhawks a middle-of-the-pack PK.

>INTANGIBLES

There's something to be said for the ignorance and exuberance of youth. While the expectation is that the Blackhawks will be among the bottom-feeders, Chicago's youngsters will be eager to impress, and every shift will carry with it the opportunity to establish their place in the NHL lineup. That can go a long way.

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>ROOKIES

After missing the start of last season due to injury, Levshunov settled in well in the AHL and seemed comfortable in the NHL, even if there were growing pains. There's an opportunity for him to take a big-time role and run with it, especially as a power-play quarterback on either the top or second unit.

>X-FACTOR

Calling Jeff Blashill's time in Detroit a mixed bag would be a favorable review. But three seasons alongside Jon Cooper in Tampa might see Blashill return to a bench-boss gig with new ideas and tools to get the most out of the Blackhawks. It's worth noting that Blashill was commended for his ability to work with young players, and Chicago will only get better by developing its youth.

>THE BRASS

After tearing the Blackhawks down to the studs, GM Kyle Davidson is only beginning to see his vision for Chicago's future take shape. That the situation was so dire has provided Davidson with some latitude, but if results don't improve in the near future, his seat will get considerably warmer.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Teuvo Teravainen	1. Connor Bedard	1. Ryan Donato
2. Tyler Bertuzzi	2. Frank Nazar	2. Andre Burakovsky
3. Nick Foligno	3. Jason Dickinson	3. Ilya Mikheyev
4. Lukas Reichel	4. Colton Dach	4. Sam Lafferty
5. Landon Slaggert	5. Anton Frondell	5. Oliver Moore

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Alex Vlasic	6. Ethan del Mastro	1. Spencer Knight
2. Connor Murphy	7. Kevin Korchinski	2. Arvid Soderblom
3. Artyom Levshunov	8. Louis Crevier	3. Laurent Brossoit
4. Sam Rinzel	9. Nolan Allan	INJURED
5. Wyatt Kaiser	10. Taige Harding	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Philipp Kurashev, C; Craig Smith, C; Pat Maroon, LW; Alec Martinez, D; T.J. Brodie, D; Joe Veleno, C; Andreas Athanasiou, C

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Artyom Levshunov
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Rockford (AHL)
Bedded in well in AHL and didn't look out of place in NHL, either. He'll nail down roster spot.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Anton Frondell
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Djurgarden (Swe.2)
Strong center has power-play triggerman's shot mixed with a two-way pivot's game.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

3. Kevin Korchinski
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Rockford (AHL)
Step back key to leap forward. He anchored Rockford blueline and showcased strong two-way play.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Sam Rinzel
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Minnesota (Big Ten)
Already a full-time NHLer? Skilled distributor was standout PP option in late-season NHL audition.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

5. Oliver Moore
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Minnesota (Big Ten)
Uses speed to get to dangerous areas and can disguise a pass well. An AHL stint would be worthwhile.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Sacha Boisvert
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 North Dakota (NCHC)
Led North Dakota in scoring as freshman. Now, deadly goal-scorer is moving to Boston University.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Vaclav Nestrasil
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Muskegon (USHL)
Has the physical tools, but they've yet to come together into complete package. Skates well for size.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Mason West
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Edina (USHS)
Smooth skater given 6-foot-6 frame. Had football scholarship offers from Div. I schools.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

9. Marek Vanacker
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Brantford (OHL)
Stats dipped after summer surgery, but he still produced at nearly PPG pace. Always looking to create.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Roman Kantserov
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Magnitogorsk (KHL)
Year-over-year growth in KHL is promising. Dazzling stickhandler. At 5-foot-9, size is concern.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS **DEFENSEMEN**

100

82 Bedard

80

60 60 Teravainen

52 Nazar

44 Bertuzzi

40 41 Donato Rinzel 41

36 Burakovsky

33 Foligno

30 Mikheyev

27 Dickinson Vlasic 25
Korchinski 25

22 Dach
21 Lafferty
20 21 Reichel Levshunov 20
19 Slaggert

Murphy 11
Kaiser 11
Allan 9
Crevier 7
Del Mastro 5

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SCHEDULE

Tue, Oct 7	@ Florida	5:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Utah	8:30 PM
Wed, Oct 15	@ St. Louis	9:30 PM
Fri, Oct 17	vs Vancouver	8:30 PM
Sun, Oct 19	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Ottawa	8:45 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 7	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Detroit	1:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12	vs New Jersey	9:30 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs Calgary	8:30 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Seattle	8:00 PM
Fri, Nov 21	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Minnesota	8:30 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	vs Anaheim	3:30 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ Anaheim	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	vs NY Rangers	7:30 PM
Fri, Dec 12	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Detroit	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Ottawa	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Philadelphia	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	vs NY Islanders	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Dallas	8:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	vs St. Louis	9:30 PM
Fri, Jan 9	vs Washington	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs Edmonton	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Calgary	8:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Boston	8:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Winnipeg	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 22	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 30	vs Columbus	8:30 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs San Jose	8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Colorado	6:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ Utah	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	vs Vancouver	8:30 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Dallas	6:00 PM
Mon, Mar 9	vs Utah	8:30 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Minnesota	8:30 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	vs Colorado	8:30 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Nashville	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 27	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Winnipeg	8:30 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Carolina	8:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs St. Louis	5:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Buffalo	8:30 PM
Wed, Apr 15	vs San Jose	8:30 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Chicago BLACKHAWKS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Stanislav Berezhnoy	22	6-4	218	Left	Novokuznetsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/17/25	Omsk/SKA-Neva (Rus. 2)	27	12-10-2	2.50	.928
Laurent Brossoit	32	6-3	203	Left	Port Alberni, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Henderson (AHL)		DNP		
Drew Commesso	23	6-2	180	Left	Norwell, Mass.	46th overall (2020)	Rockford (AHL)	39	18-15-6	2.54	.911
Adam Gajan	21	6-3	167	Left	Poprad, Svk.	35th overall (2023)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	21	7-12-1	3.33	.885
Ilya Kanarsky	20	6-3	180	Left	Moscow, Rus.	194th overall (2025)	AKM Tula Jr. (Rus.)	34	22-8-1	2.24	.938
Spencer Knight	24	6-3	191	Left	Darien, Conn.	Trade: Fla 3/1/25	Florida/Chicago	38	17-16-3	2.72	.902
Arvid Soderblom	26	6-3	180	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 5/17/21	Chicago	36	10-18-7	3.18	.898

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nolan Allan	22	6-2	195	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	32nd overall (2021)	Chicago	43	1	7	8	16
Louis Crevier	24	6-8	228	Right	Quebec City, Que.	188th overall (2020)	Chicago	32	3	1	4	10
Ashton Cumby	20	6-5	216	Left	Bonnyville, Alta.	162nd overall (2025)	Seattle (WHL)	68	2	11	13	102
Ethan Del Mastro	22	6-4	210	Left	Burlington, Ont.	105th overall (2021)	Rockford (AHL)	47	0	9	9	39
Taige Harding	23	6-6	235	Left	Glasgow, Gbr.	91st overall (2021)	Providence (HE)	37	2	12	14	46
Ty Henry	19	6-2	197	Left	Montreal, Que.	163rd overall (2024)	Erie (OHL)	63	1	16	17	78
Wyatt Kaiser	23	6-0	173	Left	Andover, Minn.	81st overall (2020)	Chicago	57	4	4	8	14
Kevin Korchinski	21	6-1	185	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	7th overall (2022)	Chicago	56	3	24	27	40
Dmitry Kuzmin	22	5-10	188	Left	Kholstovo, Blr.	Trade: Wpg 1/15/25	Manitoba/Rockford (AHL)	51	3	6	9	22
Artyom Levshunov	19	6-2	208	Right	Zhlobin, Blr.	2nd overall (2024)	Rockford (AHL)	52	5	17	22	59
Ryan Mast	22	6-5	221	Right	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Trade: Bos 6/13/25	Providence (AHL)	37	0	5	5	19
Connor Murphy	32	6-4	212	Right	Dublin, Ohio	Trade: Ari 6/23/17	Chicago	68	2	17	19	52
Janne Peltonen	20	6-3	174	Left	Oulu, Fin.	195th overall (2023)	Hermes (Fin.2)	31	1	5	6	8
Sam Rinzel	21	6-4	177	Right	Chanhassen, Minn.	25th overall (2022)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	40	10	22	32	12
Alex Vlasic	24	6-6	217	Left	Wilmette, Ill.	43rd overall (2019)	Chicago	82	4	26	30	12

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Connor Bedard	20	5-10	185	Right	North Vancouver, B.C.	1st overall (2023)	Chicago	82	23	44	67	70
Sacha Boisvert	19	6-2	176	Left	Trois-Rivieres, Que.	18th overall (2024)	North Dakota (NCHC)	37	18	14	32	20
Colton Dach	22	6-4	196	Left	St. Albert, Alta.	62nd overall (2021)	Rockford (AHL)	33	12	14	26	21
Jason Dickinson	30	6-2	200	Left	Georgetown, Ont.	Trade: Van 10/7/22	Chicago	59	7	9	16	38
Ryan Donato	29	6-0	190	Left	Boston, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Chicago	80	31	31	62	41
Jiri Felcman	20	6-4	198	Left	Hradec Kralove, Cze.	93rd overall (2023)	Langnau (Sui.)	34	1	8	9	25
Anton Frondell	18	6-1	198	Left	Trangsund, Swe.	3rd overall (2025)	Djurgarden (Swe.2)	29	11	14	25	16
Ryan Greene	21	6-1	174	Right	St. John's, Nfld.	57th overall (2022)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	13	25	38	18
Dominic James	23	5-9	148	Left	Plymouth, Mich.	173rd overall (2022)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	35	14	16	30	20
Sam Lafferty	30	6-2	205	Right	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	Trade: Buf 7/1/25	Buffalo	60	4	3	7	28
Paul Ludwinski	21	5-11	172	Left	Toronto, Ont.	39th overall (2022)	Rockford (AHL)	65	7	5	12	28
Oliver Moore	20	5-11	188	Left	Mounds View, Minn.	19th overall (2023)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	38	12	21	33	6
John Mustard	19	6-1	180	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	67th overall (2024)	Providence (HE)	37	7	13	20	14
Frank Nazar	21	5-10	190	Right	Detroit, Mich.	13th overall (2022)	Chicago	53	12	14	26	24
Julius Sumpf	20	6-1	182	Left	Munich, Ger.	98th overall (2025)	Moncton (QMJHL)	58	26	39	65	24
Joel Svensson	20	6-1	185	Right	Oskarshamn, Swe.	138th overall (2024)	Tingsryd/Kalmar (Swe.2)	48	2	6	8	10
Aidan Thompson	23	5-11	180	Left	Fort Collins, Colo.	90th overall (2022)	Denver (NCHC)	44	21	34	55	26
Riku Tohila	21	6-5	190	Right	Kalajoki, Fin.	199th overall (2022)	JYP (Fin.)	20	1	1	2	4
Dominic Toninato	31	6-2	201	Left	Duluth, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Manitoba (AHL)	60	18	18	36	81
Mason West	18	6-6	215	Right	Edina, Minn.	29th overall (2025)	Edina (USHS)	31	27	22	49	10

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Tyler Bertuzzi	30	6-2	200	Left	Sudbury, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Chicago	82	23	23	46	51
Andre Burakovsky	30	6-3	203	Left	Klagenfurt, Aut.	Trade: Sea 6/21/25	Seattle	79	10	27	37	12
Nick Foligno	37	6-0	210	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	Trade: Bos 6/26/23	Chicago	78	15	20	35	48
Gavin Hayes	21	6-1	177	Right	Ypsilanti, Mich.	66th overall (2022)	Rockford (AHL)	50	5	10	15	10
Parker Holmes	18	6-3	222	Left	Kingston, Ont.	107th overall (2025)	Brantford (OHL)	21	1	0	1	14
Nick Lardis	20	5-11	165	Left	Oakville, Ont.	67th overall (2023)	Brantford (OHL)	65	71	46	117	16
Lukas Reichel	23	6-0	170	Left	Nuremberg, Ger.	17th overall (2020)	Chicago	70	8	14	22	12
Samuel Savoie	21	5-10	189	Left	Dieppe, N.B.	81st overall (2022)	Rockford (AHL)	72	7	15	22	27
Landon Slaggert	23	6-0	180	Left	South Bend, Ind.	79th overall (2020)	Rockford (AHL)	39	10	15	25	14
Teuvo Teravainen	31	5-11	191	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Chicago	82	15	43	58	12
Marek Vanacker	19	6-1	174	Left	London, Ont.	27th overall (2024)	Brantford (OHL)	45	24	18	42	36

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Joey Anderson	27	6-0	207	Right	Roseville, Minn.	Trade: Tor 2/27/23	Rockford (AHL)	33	17	10	27	8
Nathan Behm	18	6-2	192	Right	Calgary, Alta.	66th overall (2025)	Kamloops (WHL)	59	31	35	66	12
Roman Kantserov	21	5-9	176	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	44th overall (2023)	Magnitogorsk (KHL)	47	13	25	38	12
Ilya Mikheyev	30	6-2	192	Left	Omsk, Rus.	Trade: Van 6/26/24	Chicago	80	20	14	34	16
Martin Misiak	21	6-2	194	Left	Banska Bystrica, Svk.	55th overall (2023)	Erie (OHL)	60	23	36	59	14
Vaclav Nestrasil	18	6-5	187	Right	Prague, Cze.	25th overall (2025)	Muskegon (USHL)	61	19	23	42	51
Jack Pridham	19	6-1	176	Right	Stouffville, Ont.	92nd overall (2024)	Kitchener (OHL)	48	27	27	54	38
AJ Spellacy	19	6-2	195	Right	Cleveland, Ohio	72nd overall (2024)	Windsor (OHL)	62	18	19	37	76

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49-29-4 (.622)

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5-1

SHOOTOUT
4-3

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BY EVAN RAWAL

A 2024-25 SEASON THAT saw the Colorado Avalanche turn over a chunk of their roster and dress 49 different players ended in disappointment, as they were stunned in the third period of Game 7 of the first round by old friend Mikko Rantanen and the Dallas Stars.

Expectations are not changing in Denver, however. When you've got Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar on your roster, you expect greatness. And with Brock Nelson under contract and captain Gabriel Landeskog back from a three-year absence, it will once again be Cup or bust. There have been some tweaks, the biggest one being the trade of Charlie Coyle and Miles Wood to Columbus, but this is still a roster set up to compete with the giants in the Western Conference. The Stanley Cup window is still open in Colorado, and MacKinnon and Co. won't accept anything less than another banner hanging in Ball Arena.

>OFFENSE

Led by MacKinnon, who finished second in the NHL with 116 points, scoring goals is not an issue for Colorado. No team has put the puck in the back of the net more than the Avs over the past five seasons. They're set at the top, as a full training camp can only mean good things for Nelson, who didn't score in the first round against Dallas. The return of Landeskog is massive, but how his body holds up over the grind of a full season remains to be seen. Depth is the most significant concern, as the Avalanche start the

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season without Logan O'Connor and lost Coyle and Jonathan Drouin in the off-season.

>DEFENSE

There are no questions at the top for Colorado, as Devon Toews and Makar, the defending Norris Trophy winner, make up what could be the best defensive pair in the NHL. Those two get the toughest matchups and eat heavy minutes, as Makar was third in the NHL in ice time per game. Though he's 40, Brent Burns will be a valuable addition as long as the Avs can lower his workload from previous seasons. While the rest of the NHL is looking to add size on their back end, the Avalanche don't shy away from playing smaller defensemen like Samuel Girard and Sam Malinski. Will that be their downfall come playoff time? The addition of Burns makes the defense bigger overall, but it's still an undersized blueline.

>GOALTENDING

For the first time in a few years, there are no question marks in net heading into training camp. Mackenzie Blackwood was fantastic after being acquired from San Jose and is firmly their No. 1 goaltender. His playoff debut was a little up and down, but there's plenty of reason for the organization to be confident in the 28-year-old. Scott Wedgewood, who turned 33 in August, is a reliable backup who Jared Bednar can throw in the net against any team.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Both special-teams units were strong in the regular season but fell flat in the post-season, which is the main reason why power-play coach Ray Bennett was not brought back. Talent isn't an issue with MacKinnon and Makar running the man advantage, but there has to be more movement to keep the other team guessing. The return of Landeskog, a wizard in front of the net, will only help. Parker Kelly and Jack Drury will be key pieces on the penalty kill, while Burns' effectiveness when down a man is a big reason he was signed.

>INTANGIBLES

It cannot be overstated how important it will be to have Landeskog back in the dressing room every single day. He's the heart and soul of the Avs and has the respect of everyone around the league. While speed continues to be a strength for Colorado, the team is getting older, as five of the top-six forwards will be 30 when the season starts. This is an experienced group, which is why the time to win for them is now.

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>ROOKIES

The one name to keep an eye on is 24-year-old Russian Zakhar Bardakov, who will come to North America after playing parts of five seasons in the KHL. The 6-foot-2 center is someone GM Chris MacFarland has said multiple times will get a long look in camp. He picked up 35 points in 53 games with St. Petersburg last season.

>X-FACTOR

Martin Necas fit like a glove after being acquired from Carolina and finished 19th in the NHL with 83 points. MacKinnon is at his best when he's got a running mate, so Necas' ability to repeat that production is crucial for Colorado. But it does raise a question: can the Avs afford to keep the pending UFA if he does?

>THE BRASS

It's a huge year for both Bednar and MacFarland. Another early playoff exit could lead to change at both positions. Jon Cooper is the only coach with a longer tenure with his current team than Bednar, who is entering his 10th season behind the Avalanche bench.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Gabriel Landeskog	1. Nathan MacKinnon	1. Martin Necas
2. Artturi Lehkonen	2. Brock Nelson	2. Valeri Nichushkin
3. Ross Colton	3. Jack Drury	3. Logan O'Connor
4. Parker Kelly	4. Zakhar Bardakov	4. Matthew Stienburg
5. Nikita Prishchepov	5. Ivan Ivan	5. Jason Polin

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Cale Makar	6. Sam Malinski	1. Mackenzie Blackwood
2. Devon Toews	7. Keaton Middleton	2. Scott Wedgewood
3. Samuel Girard	8. Wyatt Aamodt	3. Trent Miner
4. Josh Manson	9. Ronnie Attard	INJURED
5. Brent Burns	10. Jacob MacDonald	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Jonathan Drouin, LW; Charlie Coyle, C; Joel Kiviranta, LW; Miles Wood, LW; Ryan Lindgren, D; Jimmy Vesey, LW; Erik Johnson, D; Chris Wagner, RW; John Ludvig, D; Jere Innala, LW

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Mikhail Gulyayev
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Omsk (KHL)
Avs like his offensive upside and skating ability. But size could be factor for 5-foot-10 rearguard.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Ilya Nabokov
Pos G **Age** 22
2024-25 Magnitogorsk (KHL)
Has arguably been KHL's best keeper through first two pro seasons. Bodes well for his future.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Gavin Brindley
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Cleveland (AHL)
Rocky first pro year. At 5-foot-8, he must learn to overcome size in order to score as he did in NCAA.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Francesco Dell'Elce
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 UMass (HE)
Late-blooming 'D' thrived in NCAA. A slippery skater who is unafraid of leaping into the rush.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. Ivan Ivan
Pos C **Age** 23
2024-25 Colorado (AHL)
Lost NHL spot post-deadline, but 40-game look says he's close. Skates well and is reliable.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

6. Nikita Prishchepov
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Colorado (AHL)
Time in 'Q' aided adjustment to North American game. Impressed in AHL and earned NHL audition.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Zakhar Bardakov
Pos C **Age** 24
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Fiery junior learned discipline as a pro. After breakout KHL season, he'll battle for spot with Avs.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

8. Taylor Makar
Pos LW **Age** 24
2024-25 Maine (HE)
Blossomed in final NCAA season and will get a chance to continue blooming as depth AHL winger.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Matt Stienburg
Pos C **Age** 24
2024-25 Colorado (AHL)
Missed most of season with injury, but up-tempo game and physicality stood out. Future in bottom six.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Sean Behrens
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Colorado (AHL)
Two-way defender's development hit a speed bump as knee injury cost him the entirety of 2024-25.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	123 MacKinnon	
		Makar 97
80		
	75 Necas	
60		
	58 Nelson	
	57 Landeskog	
		Toews 46
40	41 Lehkonen	
	40 Nichushkin	
		Burns 34
	32 Colton	
		Girard 26
20	20 Drury	
	18 Kelly	Malinski 18
		Manson 17
	14 Ivan	
	14 O'Connor	
		Middleton 5
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SCHEDULE

Tue, Oct 7	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Thu, Oct 9	vs Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Dallas	9:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Buffalo	12:30 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Boston	9:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Utah	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Carolina	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Boston	3:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ New Jersey	1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs New Jersey	9:00 PM
Fri, Oct 31	@ Vegas	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Tampa Bay	9:30 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Anaheim	9:30 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs Buffalo	9:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	vs NY Islanders	9:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs NY Rangers	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Minnesota	3:30 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Montreal	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Vancouver	9:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ Philadelphia	1:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Nashville	9:30 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Florida	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Nashville	9:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	vs Winnipeg	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs St. Louis	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	@ Florida	5:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Ottawa	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Columbus	4:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs Toronto	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	vs Nashville	9:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Washington	4:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs Anaheim	9:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs Philadelphia	9:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Toronto	2:00 PM
Wed, Jan 28	@ Ottawa	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Detroit	1:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Detroit	9:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Minnesota	9:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Chicago	6:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs Minnesota	2:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Winnipeg	4:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	vs Pittsburgh	9:30 PM
Wed, Mar 18	vs Dallas	9:30 PM
Fri, Mar 20	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Washington	12:30 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	vs Calgary	8:30 PM
Wed, Apr 1	vs Vancouver	8:30 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Dallas	3:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	vs St. Louis	9:30 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Edmonton	9:30 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	vs Seattle	10:30 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Colorado AVALANCHE

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Mackenzie Blackwood	28	6-4	225	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Trade: SJ 12/9/24	San Jose/Colorado	56	28-21-6	2.55	.912
Louka Cloutier	19	6-2	168	Left	Sherbrooke, Que.	132nd overall (2024)	Chicago (USHL)	31	8-18-2	4.05	.882
Trent Miner	24	6-1	185	Left	Brandon, Man.	202nd overall (2019)	Colorado (AHL)	38	22-10-9	2.12	.918
Ilya Nabokov	22	6-0	179	Left	Kasli, Rus.	38th overall (2024)	Magnitogorsk (KHL)	49	23-17-6	2.22	.923
Isak Posch	23	6-3	209	Left	Umea, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 3/26/25	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	22	12-10-0	2.40	.923
Scott Wedgewood	33	6-2	201	Left	Brampton, Ont.	Trade: Nsh 11/30/24	Nashville/Colorado	24	14-6-2	2.32	.908
Ivan Yunin	19	6-2	196	Left	Omsk, Rus.	137th overall (2024)	Omsk (Rus.2)	16	3-6-0	3.18	.881

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Wyatt Aamodt	27	6-0	201	Left	Hermantown, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 4/12/22	Colorado (AHL)	69	4	13	17	47
Jack Ahcan	28	5-8	180	Left	Savage, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Colorado (AHL)	69	5	36	41	20
Ronnie Attard	26	6-3	208	Right	White Lake, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Lehigh Valley/Bakersfield (AHL)	66	7	10	17	80
Sean Behrens	22	5-10	177	Left	Barrington, Ill.	61st overall (2021)	Colorado (AHL)			DNP		
Brent Burns	40	6-5	228	Right	Barrie, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Carolina	82	6	23	29	28
Francesco Dell'Elce	20	6-1	180	Left	Nobleton, Ont.	77th overall (2025)	UMass (HE)	40	7	17	24	12
Linus Funck	18	6-3	183	Right	Lulea, Swe.	118th overall (2025)	Lulea Jr. (Swe.)	48	5	23	28	59
Samuel Girard	27	5-10	170	Left	Roberval, Que.	Trade: Nsh 11/5/17	Colorado	73	3	21	24	14
Mikhail Gulyayev	20	5-10	172	Left	Novosibirsk, Rus.	31st overall (2023)	Omsk (KHL)	67	7	8	15	8
Nikita Ishimnikov	20	6-3	194	Right	Snezhinsk, Rus.	155th overall (2023)	Verkhnyaya Pyshma (Rus.2)	22	3	4	7	6
Hank Kempf	23	6-2	190	Left	Wilmette, Ill.	Trade: NYR 3/1/25	Cornell (ECAC)	36	2	5	7	18
Jacob MacDonald	32	6-0	204	Left	Portland, Ore.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Colorado (AHL)	63	31	24	55	46
Cale Makar	26	6-0	187	Right	Calgary, Alta.	4th overall (2017)	Colorado	80	30	62	92	14
Sam Malinski	27	5-11	190	Right	Lakeville, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 3/30/23	Colorado	76	5	10	15	16
Josh Manson	33	6-3	218	Right	Hinsdale, Ill.	Trade: Ana 3/14/22	Colorado	48	1	14	15	28
Keaton Middleton	27	6-6	240	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/30/21	Colorado	41	0	2	2	28
Tory Pitner	19	6-1	180	Right	Greenwich, Conn.	185th overall (2024)	Denver (NCHC)	40	0	1	1	21
Chris Romaine	21	6-0	190	Right	Boston, Mass.	193rd overall (2022)	Ohio St. (Big Ten)	9	0	0	0	4
Devon Toews	31	6-1	191	Left	Abbotsford, B.C.	Trade: NYI 10/12/20	Colorado	76	10	34	44	26
Saige Weinstein	20	6-1	185	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 10/6/23	Spokane (WHL)	65	3	24	27	74

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Zakhar Bardakov	24	6-2	198	Left	Berdsk, Rus.	Trade: NJ 3/1/24	St. Petersburg (KHL)	53	17	18	35	30
Alex Barre-Boulet	28	5-10	178	Left	Montmagny, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/4/25	Laval (AHL)	64	22	41	63	42
Gavin Brindley	20	5-8	173	Right	Fort Myers, Fla.	Trade: Clb 6/27/25	Cleveland (AHL)	52	6	11	17	24
Andrei Buyalsky	25	6-3	178	Left	Karaganda, Kaz.	92nd overall (2021)	Karaganda/Tashkent (Kaz.)	8	3	4	7	12
Ross Colton	29	6-0	194	Left	Robbinsville, N.J.	Trade: TB 6/28/23	Colorado	61	16	13	29	18
Maxmilian Curran	19	6-3	179	Left	Prague, Cze.	161st overall (2024)	Tri-City (WHL)	65	22	52	74	30
Jack Drury	25	5-11	186	Left	New York, N.Y.	Trade: Car 1/24/25	Carolina/Colorado	72	8	10	18	22
Jake Fisher	20	6-2	190	Left	Woodbury, Minn.	121st overall (2024)	Denver (NCHC)	42	8	7	15	12
Christian Humphreys	19	5-11	170	Right	Pittsburgh, Pa.	215th overall (2024)	Kitchener (OHL)	28	11	22	33	8
Ivan Ivan	23	6-0	190	Left	Ostrava, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 3/5/24	Colorado (AHL)	36	2	10	12	26
Nathan MacKinnon	30	6-0	200	Right	Halifax, N.S.	1st overall (2013)	Colorado	79	32	84	116	41
Martin Necas	26	6-3	195	Right	Nove Mesto na Morave, Cze.	Trade: Car 1/24/25	Carolina/Colorado	79	27	56	83	16
Brock Nelson	33	6-4	205	Left	Warroad, Minn.	Trade: NYI 3/6/25	NY Islanders/Colorado	80	26	30	56	18
Nikita Prishchepov	21	6-1	194	Left	Orenburg, Rus.	217th overall (2024)	Colorado (AHL)	51	9	14	23	38
Nolan Roed	19	5-11	186	Left	Hugo, Minn.	214th overall (2025)	Tri-City (USHL)	61	27	33	60	26
Matt Stienburg	24	6-1	182	Right	Halifax, N.S.	63rd overall (2019)	Colorado (AHL)	5	1	2	3	2
T.J. Tynan	33	5-8	160	Right	Orland Park, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Colorado (AHL)	52	8	41	49	74

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Chase Bradley	23	5-11	180	Left	St. Louis, Mo.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Colorado (AHL)	62	14	8	22	44
Tye Felhaber	27	5-11	185	Left	Pembroke, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 12/15/24	Colorado (AHL)	67	22	22	44	108
Danil Gushchin	23	5-8	165	Left	Yekaterinburg, Rus.	Trade: SJ 7/25/25	San Jose (AHL)	56	28	23	51	34
Parker Kelly	26	6-1	185	Left	Camrose, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Colorado	80	8	11	19	29
Gabriel Landeskog	32	6-1	215	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	2nd overall (2011)	Colorado (AHL)	2	1	1	2	2
Artturi Lehkonen	30	5-11	179	Left	Piikkio, Fin.	Trade: Mtl 3/21/22	Colorado	69	27	18	45	34
Taylor Makar	24	6-3	190	Left	Calgary, Alta.	220th overall (2021)	Maine (HE)	38	18	12	30	47
Sampo Ranta	25	6-2	195	Left	Naantali, Fin.	78th overall (2018)	Modo (Swe.)	48	10	15	25	12

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Cooper Gay	23	6-4	209	Left	Edina, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 3/15/25	St. Thomas (CCHA)	35	19	11	30	14
Valeri Nichushkin	30	6-4	210	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 8/19/19	Colorado	43	21	13	34	8
Logan O'Connor	29	6-0	175	Right	Missouri City, Texas	Free Agent: signed 7/23/18	Colorado	80	10	11	21	26
Jason Polin	26	6-0	198	Right	Holt, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 3/29/23	Colorado (AHL)	39	11	8	19	11

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
40-33-9 (.543)

OVERTIME
4-8

SHOOTOUT
6-1

OVERALL
20th

OFFENSE
3.26 GPG (8th)

DEFENSE
3.26 GAA (25th)

POWER PLAY
19.5% (22nd)

PENALTY KILL
77.0% (22nd)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.6 (9th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.71 (27th)

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S. Monahan (19:01)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
Z. Werenski (26:45)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Dean Evason

GM
Don Waddell

CAPTAIN
Boone Jenner

ARENA
Nationwide Arena

CAPACITY
18,500

AHL AFFILIATE
Cleveland Monsters

ECHL AFFILIATE
N/A

BY BRIAN HEDGER

AFTER BECOMING THE league's most-improved team following the tragic 2024 off-season deaths of Johnny Gaudreau and his brother, Matthew, the Blue Jackets are focused squarely on getting into the Stanley Cup playoffs. Playing for Gaudreau and his family, they stayed in the chase for 81 games and won their final six games to finish two points shy of a post-season spot.

Now, Columbus plans to use that sting as further motivation. The off-season, however, brought a mixed bag of roster shuffling. Don Waddell, the Blue Jackets' GM and president of hockey ops, couldn't make all the improvements he felt were needed. He allowed four valuable depth players to leave as free agents but also retained pending UFAs Ivan Provorov and Dante Fabbro and pending RFA Dmitri Voronkov. Columbus also added forwards Charlie Coyle and Miles Wood in a pre-draft trade with Colorado and inked center Isac Lundestrom for the fourth line.

>OFFENSE

The Blue Jackets made big strides in coach Dean Evason's first season. Zach Werenski led the attack with 82 points and finished second in Norris Trophy voting. Adding center Sean Monahan to the first line sparked a potent combination with Kirill Marchenko, who tied for the team lead with 31 goals, and Voronkov. Adam Fantilli also scored 31 goals, while Monahan was a point-per-game scorer. Kent Johnson broke out as a scoring catalyst to help

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Columbus set a franchise record with 267 goals. They're all back, so expect that to continue.

>DEFENSE

Before re-signing Provorov, a left-handed shooter, Waddell searched for a right-handed replacement. That's why the Blue Jackets finished second in the trade bidding for Noah Dobson. In extending Provorov and Fabbro, Waddell allows the top-two pairs to stay intact. Provorov can play either side but likely stays on the right side of the second pairing with Denton Mateychuk. Fabbro, meanwhile, stays put as Werenski's partner up top. That leaves Damon Severson and Erik Gudbranson as a likely third pairing with Jake Christiansen in reserve. The Blue Jackets made progress defensively last season, climbing from 31st to 25th in goals against (267), but there's lots of room for growth.

>GOALTENDING

Elvis Merzlikins hasn't left the building. Despite speculation that his contract would get bought out or that he'd be traded, Merzlikins returns for his seventh season in Columbus. He'll have added motivation to improve from a 3.18 goals-against average and .892 save percentage while preparing for the 2026 Olympics as Latvia's top netminder. Merzlikins will also get a push from Jet Greaves, whose dazzling finish last season earned him the backup role.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Columbus finished 22nd on both the power play and penalty kill, so there's room for improvement. The PK showed marginal gains from 2023-24, but the Blue Jackets didn't have Boone Jenner or Gudbranson for most of the season. The power play improved with Monahan in the bumper role, but things spiralled back to the bottom of the league while he was out. Most of Merzlikins' struggles occurred while Columbus was shorthanded, so getting better goaltending on the PK and keeping Monahan healthy would significantly boost each group.

>INTANGIBLES

Evason said Gaudreau will still be honored in various ways, including a stall inside the Blue Jackets' dressing room and his No. 13 sweater being displayed again for all 82 games. Gaudreau and his family remain intertwined with many Blue Jackets who played with him in Columbus, so the motivation to win for him and them is still high.

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>ROOKIES

Another year of AHL seasoning is more likely, but Luca Del Bel Belluz has a shot to earn an NHL roster spot. The 2022 second-round pick has impressed ever since scoring a goal on his first NHL shot in the Blue Jackets' 2023-24 finale. Used as an injury replacement last season, he added two goals and eight points in 15 games.

>X-FACTOR

The Blue Jackets are filled with X-factor players, but the biggest reason they'll either reach the playoffs or fall short – again – is tied to defense and goaltending. If they qualify for the post-season, there's a strong chance it will be because their goals against shrunk for a second season in a row.

>THE BRASS

Waddell hired Evason, so each is heading into his second season with the Blue Jackets. Both deserve plaudits for helping Columbus traverse the gutting Gaudreau tragedy just weeks before camp, but that stunning surge up the Eastern Conference standings set a higher bar to clear in their second go-around.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Dmitri Voronkov	1. Sean Monahan	1. Kirill Marchenko
2. Boone Jenner	2. Adam Fantilli	2. Kent Johnson
3. Cole Sillinger	3. Charlie Coyle	3. Mathieu Olivier
4. Yegor Chinakhov	4. Isac Lundestrom	4. Miles Wood
5. Zach Aston-Reese	5. Luca Del Bel Belluz	5. James Malatesta

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Zach Werenski	6. Erik Gudbranson	1. Elvis Merzlikins
2. Ivan Provorov	7. Jake Christiansen	2. Jet Greaves
3. Dante Fabbro	8. Daemon Hunt	3. Zach Sawchenko
4. Denton Mateychuk	9. Stanislav Svozil	
5. Damon Severson	10. Corson Ceulemans	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Daniil Tarasov, G; James van Riemsdyk, LW; Sean Kuraly, C; Justin Danforth, RW; Jack Johnson, D; Luke Kunin, C; Kevin Labanc, RW; Christian Fischer, RW; Jordan Harris, D

CAYDEN LINDSTROM

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Cayden Lindstrom
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
How will injury impact growth? Missed almost all of '24-25. Big, strong scorer is set for NCAA.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Jackson Smith
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Tri-City (WHL)
Fleet-footed defender plays on his toes and moves the puck well. He's no slouch defensively, either.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Luca Del Bel Belluz
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Cleveland (AHL)
High-skill center looked excellent in a depth role in late-season NHL run after solid AHL performance.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Pyotr Andreyanov
Pos G **Age** 18
2024-25 K.A. Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
Top-ranked international keeper uses size well. Aggressive in the crease and adept at reading play.
Expected NHL Arrival '31-32

5. Charlie Elick
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Tri-City (WHL)
No illusions; he's a shutdown 'D,' through and through. Tenacious and uses size to punish attackers.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Evan Gardner
Pos G **Age** 19
2024-25 Saskatoon (WHL)
Numbers dipped, but it's a volatile position. Most important is that he's athletic and determined.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

7. Guillaume Richard
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Providence (HE)
Wowed in brief stint in AHL to end campaign. Profiles as puck-mover, but he doesn't sacrifice defense.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

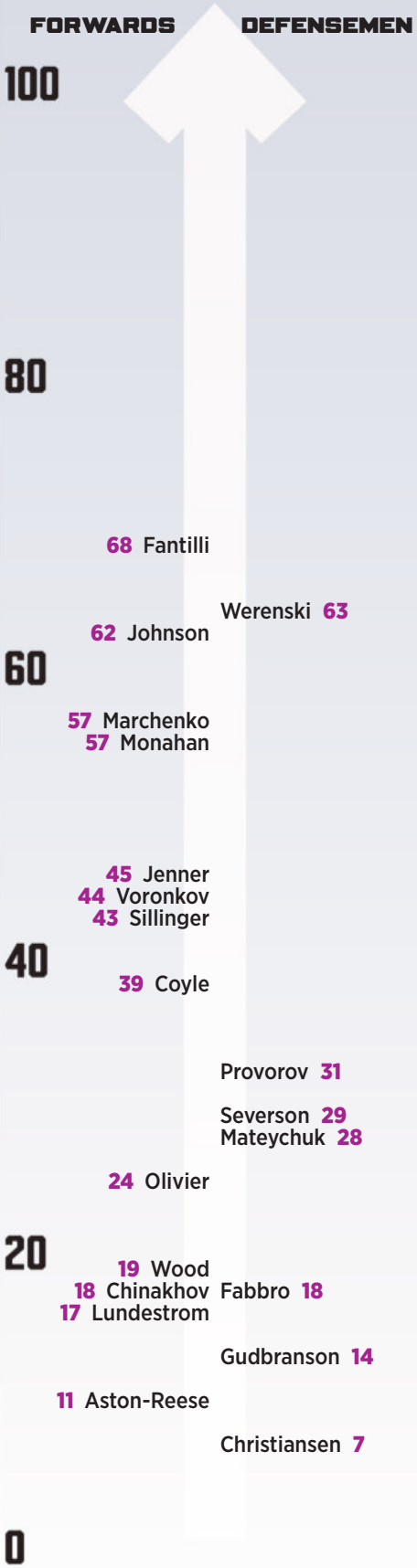
8. Corson Ceulemans
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Cleveland (AHL)
Two years in, Ceulemans is struggling to find AHL footing. Has the tools, but consistency eludes him.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Stanislav Svozil
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Cleveland (AHL)
Made strides in AHL minutes. WHL output suggests untapped potential for skilled rearguard.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Luca Pinelli
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Ottawa (OHL)
At 5-foot-9, Pinelli will always be questioned for his size. But not his heart. He plays with pace and fire.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS



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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Columbus BLUE JACKETS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Pyotr Andreyanov	18	6-0	207	Left	Volsk, Rus.	20th overall (2025)	Krasnaya Armiya Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	37	23-6-6	1.75	.942
Evan Gardner	19	6-0	175	Left	Fort St. John, B.C.	60th overall (2024)	Saskatoon (WHL)	44	23-13-5	2.82	.911
Jet Greaves	24	6-0	190	Left	Cambridge, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 2/20/22	Cleveland (AHL)	40	21-11-10	2.62	.920
Sergei Ivanov	21	5-11	165	Left	Chernushka, Rus.	138th overall (2022)	Sochi (KHL)	38	11-21-3	3.00	.911
Nolan Lalonde	21	6-1	190	Left	Kingston, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/2/22	Kingston/Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	36	16-12-7	3.30	.888
Elvis Merzlikins	31	6-3	190	Left	Riga, Lat.	76th overall (2014)	Columbus	53	26-21-5	3.18	.892
Zach Sawchenko	27	6-1	187	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/7/24	Cleveland (AHL)	27	10-11-7	3.00	.900
Melvin Strahl	20	6-3	163	Left	Solleftea, Swe.	156th overall (2023)	Youngstown (USHL)	48	33-12-1	2.42	.903

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Luke Ashton	20	6-6	231	Left	North Vancouver, B.C.	165th overall (2024)	Minnesota State (CCHA)	38	5	8	13	6
Tim Berni	25	6-0	192	Left	Mannedorf, Sui.	159th overall (2018)	Geneve-Servette (Sui.)	52	7	6	13	16
Corson Ceulemans	22	6-2	198	Right	Regina, Sask.	25th overall (2021)	Cleveland (AHL)	33	2	5	7	29
Jake Christiansen	26	6-0	197	Left	West Vancouver, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/4/20	Columbus	68	1	7	8	11
Charlie Elick	19	6-3	194	Right	Calgary, Alta.	36th overall (2024)	Brandon/Tri-City (WHL)	66	2	13	15	55
Dante Fabbro	27	6-0	189	Right	Coquitlam, B.C.	Waivers: Nsh 11/10/24	Nashville/Columbus	68	9	17	26	40
Erik Gudbranson	33	6-5	222	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Columbus	16	0	4	4	6
Victor Hedin Raftheim	18	6-4	181	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	173rd overall (2025)	Brynas Jr. (Swe.)	34	1	3	4	22
Tanner Henricks	19	6-3	192	Right	Mission Viejo, Calif.	101st overall (2024)	Lincoln (USHL)	60	4	29	33	29
Aidan Hreschuk	22	5-11	188	Left	Long Beach, Calif.	Trade: Car 3/21/22	Boston College (HE)	33	2	7	9	21
Daemon Hunt	23	6-1	201	Left	Brandon, Man.	Trade: Min 11/30/24	Iowa/Cleveland (AHL)	57	2	16	18	21
Christian Jaros	29	6-3	222	Right	Kosice, Svk.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	51	2	10	12	18
Caleb MacDonald	22	6-4	225	Left	Cambridge, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/26/25	North Dakota (NCHC)	35	3	7	10	42
Nikolai Makarov	22	6-1	190	Left	Perm, Rus.	132nd overall (2021)	Zvezda Moscow (Rus.2)	41	4	8	12	14
Luca Marrelli	19	6-1	181	Right	Toronto, Ont.	86th overall (2024)	Oshawa (OHL)	67	19	55	74	21
Denton Mateychuk	21	5-11	185	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	12th overall (2022)	Columbus	45	4	9	13	20
Dysin Mayo	29	6-0	190	Right	Victoria, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/16/25	Henderson (AHL)	58	8	11	19	86
Ivan Provorov	28	6-1	213	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	Trade: Phi 6/6/23	Columbus	82	7	26	33	31
Guillaume Richard	22	6-2	170	Left	Quebec City, Que.	101st overall (2021)	Providence (HE)	37	2	12	14	14
Damon Severson	31	6-2	204	Right	Melville, Sask.	Trade: NJ 6/9/23	Columbus	70	6	19	25	47
Jackson Smith	18	6-3	195	Left	Calgary, Alta.	14th overall (2025)	Tri-City (WHL)	68	11	43	54	48
Andrew Strathmann	20	5-11	187	Left	Waukegan, Ill.	98th overall (2023)	North Dakota (NCHC)	30	2	2	4	24
Stanislav Svozil	22	6-0	192	Left	Prerov, Cze.	69th overall (2021)	Cleveland (AHL)	63	4	20	24	42
Malte Vass	18	6-2	184	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	76th overall (2025)	Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)	40	2	9	11	53
Zach Werenski	28	6-2	211	Left	Grosse Pointe, Mich.	8th overall (2015)	Columbus	81	23	59	82	31

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Zach Aston-Reese	31	6-1	200	Left	Staten Island, N.Y.	Waivers: Veg 10/7/24	Columbus	79	6	11	17	27
Charlie Coyle	33	6-3	215	Right	East Weymouth, Mass.	Trade: Col 6/27/25	Boston/Colorado	83	17	18	35	24
Luca Del Bel Belluz	21	6-1	185	Left	Woodbridge, Ont.	44th overall (2022)	Cleveland (AHL)	61	27	26	53	12
Adam Fantilli	20	6-2	199	Left	Nobleton, Ont.	3rd overall (2023)	Columbus	82	31	23	54	18
Brendan Gaunce	31	6-3	219	Left	Sudbury, Ont.	Trade: Min 6/26/25	Iowa (AHL)	39	15	14	29	20
Owen Griffin	18	5-10	160	Right	Markham, Ont.	160th overall (2025)	Oshawa (OHL)	62	22	29	51	33
Boone Jenner	32	6-2	203	Left	Dorchester, Ont.	37th overall (2011)	Columbus	26	7	12	19	4
Kent Johnson	22	6-0	180	Left	Port Moody, B.C.	5th overall (2021)	Columbus	68	24	33	57	16
Oiva Keskinen	21	6-0	180	Left	Ylojarvi, Fin.	194th overall (2023)	Tappara (Fin.)	59	15	20	35	26
Cayden Lindstrom	19	6-3	209	Left	Dawson Creek, B.C.	4th overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)			DNP		
Jeremy Loranger	18	5-9	161	Right	Trois-Rivieres, Que.	198th overall (2025)	Sherwood Park (BCHL)	54	40	65	105	26
Isac Lundestrom	25	6-0	191	Left	Gallivare, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Anaheim	79	4	11	15	10
Max McCue	22	6-1	182	Left	Sudbury, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/24	Cleveland (AHL)	46	2	6	8	122
Hunter McKown	23	6-1	192	Right	San Jose, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 3/20/23	Cleveland (AHL)	68	13	18	31	34
Sean Monahan	30	6-2	197	Left	Brampton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Columbus	54	19	38	57	20
Luca Pinelli	20	5-9	165	Left	Stoney Creek, Ont.	114th overall (2023)	Ottawa (OHL)	52	37	34	71	63
Owen Sillinger	28	5-10	182	Left	Regina, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Cleveland (AHL)	44	11	18	29	18
Cole Sillinger	22	6-1	202	Left	Columbus, Ohio	12th overall (2021)	Columbus	66	11	22	33	35

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
James Malatesta	22	5-9	193	Left	Montreal, Que.	133rd overall (2021)	Cleveland (AHL)	41	8	6	14	49
Mikael Pyyhtia	23	6-0	176	Left	Turku, Fin.	114th overall (2020)	Columbus	47	4	3	7	6
Dmitri Voronkov	25	6-5	227	Left	Angarsk, Rus.	114th overall (2019)	Columbus	73	23	24	47	55
Miles Wood	30	6-2	195	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	Trade: Col 6/27/25	Colorado	37	4	4	8	48

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Yegor Chinakhov	24	6-1	201	Left	Omsk, Rus.	21st overall (2020)	Columbus	30	7	8	15	4
Kirill Dolzhenkov	21	6-6	234	Left	Moscow, Rus.	109th overall (2022)	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	40	7	3	10	6
Jordan Dumais	21	5-8	173	Right	Montreal, Que.	96th overall (2022)	Cleveland (AHL)	21	4	7	11	4
James Fisher	21	6-2	170	Right	Burlington, Mass.	203rd overall (2022)	Northeastern (HE)	24	1	1	2	6
Kirill Marchenko	25	6-3	197	Right	Barnaul, Rus.	49th overall (2018)	Columbus	79	31	43	74	20
Mathieu Olivier	28	6-1	226	Right	Biloxi, Miss.	Trade: Nsh 6/30/22	Columbus	82	18	14	32	139
William Whitelaw	20	5-9	173	Right	Rosemount, Minn.	66th overall (2023)	Michigan (Big Ten)	35	11	7	18	30
Jack Williams	23	5-11	185	Right	Biddeford, Maine	Free Agent: signed 3/25/25	Northeastern (HE)	37	16	25	41	25

Dallas STARS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
50-26-6 (.646)

OVERTIME
7-4

SHOOTOUT
2-2

OVERALL
5th

OFFENSE
3.35 GPG (3rd)

DEFENSE
2.71 GAA (6th)

POWER PLAY
22.0% (17th)

PENALTY KILL
82.0% (4th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.68 (5th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.67 (26th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
M. Rantanen (19:07)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
M. Heiskanen (25:10)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Glen Gulutzan

GM
Jim Nill

CAPTAIN
Jamie Benn

ARENA
American Airlines Center

CAPACITY
18,532

AHL AFFILIATE
Texas Stars

ECHL AFFILIATE
Idaho Steelheads

MIRO HEISKANEN

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BY STEPHEN MESERVE

AFTER LANDING MIKKO Rantanen and Mikael Granlund before the trade deadline, Dallas looked like the best team on paper going into the post-season. Instead, the Stars made it to the Western Conference final but no further for a third consecutive year, losing to the Oilers in five games.

The disappointment of the loss, along with the way the final game against Edmonton was handled, led to the ouster of coach Peter DeBoer and the hiring of Glen Gulutzan – who led Dallas 12 years ago but was fired by Jim Nill in one of his first moves as GM. It is a risky move to change coaches when you've been one of the league's best teams for half a decade. The Stars are confident they have the core to win now. They just need the extra degree to get themselves into the final fight and emerge victorious. Anything less than the Stanley Cup will be a disappointment.

>OFFENSE

Any conversation about the offense has to start with Rantanen – who lit it up for the Stars in the playoffs. Now with an eight-year deal in Dallas, he will get a chance to mesh with his team for a full year. But losing Granlund, Mason Marchment and Evgenii Dadonov will hurt the team's overall offensive output. Big years from former 109-point

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scorer Jason Robertson – who is in a contract year – and Matt Duchene will be crucial. Dallas has an enviable offensive unit, but the question will be the team's consistency in the later rounds of the playoffs, where they have been challenged over the past few years.

>DEFENSE

Dallas did not make any big splashes in free agency for defensemen, choosing to stay the course with the core group that subtracts Cody Ceci and reinserts Nils Lundkvist – who ended the season injured. The Stars have to be very happy with their top three, but it's unclear how they will deploy the collection of younger players and veterans Ilya Lyubushkin and Alexander Petrovic for spots four through six. A step-up year from Lundkvist and Lian Bichsel to form a solid third pairing would be a welcome bit of news. Miro Heiskanen, Thomas Harley and Esa Lindell were relied on too much in the critical moments by a club that could not always trust its bottom pair.

>GOALTENDING

With Jake Oettinger leading the way, there is no question about the crease now and for many years to come. Oettinger has something extra to fight for early in the season: the starting role for the U.S. at the Olympics. To unseat Connor Hellebuyck, he needs to have a truly outstanding first half. Dallas hopes to benefit from the motivation. Casey DeSmith, entering the second year of a three-year deal, serves as a solid backup.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

With many of the same players returning, the attention turns to the coaching moves. Alain Nasreddine – who runs a penalty kill that finished fourth last season – is the lone assistant still on staff. Neil Graham, promoted from AHL Texas, will help run the power play, which finished 17th last year and had significant ups and downs under Steve Spott. Even if Gulutzan plans to give Graham full control, additional confidence can be placed in the power play as Gulutzan himself ran one of the league's best in Edmonton.

>INTANGIBLES

With captain Jamie Benn signing a one-year deal to return and Tyler Seguin in the second-to-last year of an eight-year deal, it's clear that the old core's window to win it all is closing. The team knows how to battle through the regular season, but their success hinges on finding what their coach calls "the extra degree" to go from hot to boiling and beat the best of the West and beyond.

>ROOKIES

Having spent a lot of draft capital and prospect resources to get experience on the roster for playoff runs, Dallas will run it back with almost the same crew as last year. If anyone, a forward on an entry-level deal – such as undrafted free agents Justin Hryckowian or Arttu Hyry – could surprise.

>X-FACTOR

Dallas bet a lot of chips on Rantanen's continued dominance. Is he a system player – successful only in the Avalanche ecosystem – or can he bring his workhorse mentality to the rest of the team and prove he is a superstar in his own right?

>THE BRASS

Nill, who won GM of the year in three consecutive seasons, is an institution in Dallas. He did the rarest of things by firing a winning coach and hiring one he previously fired in Gulutzan. Big swings like this and the Rantanen deal show that he is tired of falling short. He is ready to be the last one standing atop the mountain. H

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jason Robertson	1. Roope Hintz	1. Mikko Rantanen
2. Matt Duchene	2. Wyatt Johnston	2. Tyler Seguin
3. Jamie Benn	3. Mavrik Bourque	3. Colin Blackwell
4. Sam Steel	4. Radek Faksa	4. Arttu Hyry
5. Justin Hryckowian	5. Oskar Back	5. Kole Lind

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Miro Heiskanen	6. Lian Bichsel	1. Jake Oettinger
2. Thomas Harley	7. Alexander Petrovic	2. Casey DeSmith
3. Esa Lindell	8. Vladislav Kolyachonok	3. Remi Poirier
4. Ilya Lyubushkin	9. Kyle Capobianco	
5. Nils Lundkvist	10. Trey Taylor	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Mikael Granlund, C; Mason Marchment, LW; Cody Ceci, D; Evgenii Dadonov, LW; Matt Dumba, D; Brendan Smith, D; Matej Blumel, RW

EMIL HEMMING

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Emil Hemming
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
Middling performances at WJC and in first OHL season. But has big-league shot and upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Tristan Bertucci
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
Scans, finds lanes and picks out teammates well. Defensive side of his game needs tuning in AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Justin Hryckowian
Pos C **Age** 24
2024-25 Texas (AHL)
Impressed in AHL tryout in 2023-24, then wowed as rookie of the year last season. High IQ player.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Arttu Hyry
Pos RW **Age** 24
2024-25 Texas (AHL)
Late-bloomer has turned heads with smarts and skill. Earned five-game NHL audition.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

5. Cameron Schmidt
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Vancouver (WHL)
Big-league shot ready-made for a pro-level power play. Has to pack muscle onto his 5-foot-7 frame.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. Aram Minnetian
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
Good experience in secondary role for Team USA at WJC. Puck-mover will keep marinating in NCAA.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Niilopekka Muhonen
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
Big, mobile 'D' played limited role in first WHL season. Knows not to overcomplicate his game.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Angus MacDonell
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Brampton (OHL)
Rabid forechecker who leads by example. Makes greatest impact in the corners and the net front.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. George Fegaras
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Cornell (ECAC)
Smooth-skating rearguard is coming into his own at Cornell. Reliability is his greatest asset.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Ayrton Martino
Pos LW **Age** 23
2024-25 Clarkson (ECAC)
Perhaps better without the puck than with it. Showed high-end goal-scoring prowess last season.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

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	87 Rantanen	
	81 Robertson	
80		
	70 Johnston 70 Duchene	
	65 Hintz	
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		Heiskanen 51
	49 Seguin	
		Harley 48
	45 Benn	
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Dallas STARS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Casey DeSmith	34	6-0	180	Left	Rochester, N.H.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Dallas	27	14-8-2	2.59	.915
Mans Goos	18	6-5	190	Left	Vasteras, Swe.	158th overall (2025)	Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)	24	11-12-0	3.17	.893
Benjamin Kraws	25	6-5	199	Left	Cranbury, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/24	Idaho (ECHL)	40	23-12-5	2.88	.910
Maxim Mayorov	21	6-6	196	Left	Togliatti, Rus.	147th overall (2022)	Loko Yaroslavl Jr. (Rus.)	23	13-2-1	2.40	.905
Jake Oettinger	26	6-6	224	Left	Lakeville, Minn.	26th overall (2017)	Dallas	58	36-18-4	2.59	.909
Remi Poirier	23	6-3	207	Left	Farnham, Que.	185th overall (2020)	Texas (AHL)	31	17-11-2	2.50	.908
Arno Tiefensee	23	6-4	192	Left	Weibwasser, Ger.	157th overall (2023)	Mannheim (Ger.)	29	19-10-0	2.27	.912

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jack Bar	22	6-2	193	Right	Newmarket, Ont.	138th overall (2021)	Harvard (ECAC)	25	0	3	3	25
Tristan Bertucci	20	6-2	185	Left	Woodbridge, Ont.	61st overall (2023)	Barrie (OHL)	52	7	30	37	47
Lian Bichsel	21	6-7	231	Left	Olten, Sui.	18th overall (2022)	Dallas	38	4	5	9	41
Kyle Capobianco	28	6-3	198	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Texas (AHL)	64	7	43	50	72
George Fegaras	21	6-1	188	Right	Richmond Hill, Ont.	83rd overall (2022)	Cornell (ECAC)	30	1	13	14	10
Thomas Harley	24	6-3	211	Left	Syracuse, N.Y.	18th overall (2019)	Dallas	78	16	34	50	16
Miro Heiskanen	26	6-2	197	Left	Espoo, Fin.	3rd overall (2017)	Dallas	50	5	20	25	10
Vladislav Kolyachonok	24	6-2	195	Left	Minsk, Blr.	Trade: Pit 7/10/25	Utah/Pittsburgh	35	2	5	7	10
Luke Krys	25	6-1	188	Right	Ridgefield, Conn.	Free Agent: signed 3/19/24	Texas (AHL)	61	3	14	17	32
Christian Kyrou	22	5-11	173	Right	Toronto, Ont.	50th overall (2022)	Texas (AHL)	36	4	11	15	2
Esa Lindell	31	6-3	217	Left	Vantaa, Fin.	74th overall (2012)	Dallas	80	5	21	26	14
Nils Lundkvist	25	6-1	191	Right	Pitea, Swe.	Trade: NYR 9/19/22	Dallas	39	0	5	5	20
Ilya Lyubushkin	31	6-2	200	Right	Moscow, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Dallas	80	1	13	14	32
Aram Minnetian	20	5-11	192	Right	Woodcliff Lake, N.J.	125th overall (2023)	Boston College (HE)	35	2	13	15	16
Niilopekka Muhonen	19	6-5	208	Left	Kuopio, Fin.	158th overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	60	4	13	17	45
Alexander Petrovic	33	6-5	211	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Texas (AHL)	58	5	20	25	66
Connor Punnett	22	6-1	201	Left	North Bay, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/7/24	Idaho (ECHL)	58	5	14	19	122
Trey Taylor	23	6-2	190	Left	Richmond, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/25	Clarkson (ECAC)	39	9	20	29	12
Gavin White	22	6-1	195	Right	Brockville, Ont.	115th overall (2022)	Texas (AHL)	46	2	9	11	8

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Francesco Arcuri	22	6-1	185	Left	Toronto, Ont.	175th overall (2021)	Idaho (ECHL)	30	10	20	30	11
Oskar Back	25	6-4	202	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	75th overall (2018)	Dallas	73	4	12	16	8
Colin Blackwell	32	5-8	190	Right	North Andover, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Dallas	63	6	11	17	16
Mavrik Bourque	23	5-11	181	Right	Plessisville, Que.	30th overall (2020)	Dallas	73	11	14	25	8
Matt Duchene	34	5-11	212	Left	Haliburton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Dallas	82	30	52	82	12
Radek Faksa	31	6-3	215	Left	Vitkov, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	St. Louis	70	5	10	15	30
Brandon Gorzynski	18	6-2	185	Left	Scottsdale, Ariz.	126th overall (2025)	Calgary (WHL)	68	17	25	42	16
Roope Hintz	28	6-3	213	Left	Tampere, Fin.	49th overall (2015)	Dallas	76	28	39	67	30
Justin Hryckowian	24	5-11	195	Left	L'ile-Bizard, Que.	Free Agent: signed 3/20/24	Texas (AHL)	67	22	38	60	27
Cameron Hughes	28	6-0	184	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Texas (AHL)	69	23	34	57	59
Wyatt Johnston	22	6-1	185	Right	Toronto, Ont.	23rd overall (2021)	Dallas	82	33	38	71	14
Atte Joki	18	6-1	200	Left	Nokia, Fin.	146th overall (2025)	Lukko Jr. (Fin.)	40	15	17	32	8
Angus MacDonell	20	5-10	183	Left	Toronto, Ont.	189th overall (2023)	Brampton (OHL)	46	27	27	54	76
William Samuelsson	20	6-0	176	Left	Sodertalje, Swe.	222nd overall (2024)	Green Bay (USHL)	62	10	12	22	30
Harrison Scott	25	6-0	185	Left	San Jose, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 3/31/25	Maine (HE)	38	18	17	35	26
Tyler Seguin	33	6-2	201	Right	Brampton, Ont.	Trade: Bos 7/4/13	Dallas	20	9	12	21	4
Sam Steel	27	6-0	189	Left	Ardrossan, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Dallas	79	6	19	25	31
Chase Wheatcroft	23	6-3	183	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/18/23	Texas (AHL)	67	10	17	27	26

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jamie Benn	36	6-3	206	Left	Victoria, B.C.	129th overall (2007)	Dallas	80	16	33	49	70
Sebastian Bradshaw	20	6-3	196	Left	Newtonville, Ont.	221st overall (2023)	Coquitlam/Langley (BCHL)	52	7	10	17	29
Justin Ertel	22	6-2	192	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	79th overall (2021)	Texas (AHL)	25	2	7	9	18
Ayrton Martino	23	5-11	160	Left	Toronto, Ont.	73rd overall (2021)	Clarkson (ECAC)	39	25	26	51	8
Jason Robertson	26	6-3	207	Left	Arcadia, Calif.	39th overall (2017)	Dallas	82	35	45	80	18
Antonio Stranges	23	6-2	200	Left	Plymouth, Mich.	123rd overall (2020)	Texas (AHL)	55	18	25	43	30

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Emil Hemming	19	6-2	209	Right	Vaasa, Fin.	29th overall (2024)	Barrie (OHL)	60	18	30	48	20
Arttu Hyry	24	6-3	214	Right	Oulu, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 4/15/24	Texas (AHL)	67	24	25	49	12
Kole Lind	26	6-2	193	Right	Swift Current, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Texas (AHL)	71	23	29	52	93
Kyle McDonald	23	6-5	212	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/10/23	Texas (AHL)	43	6	3	9	29
Charlie Paquette	19	6-2	205	Right	Windsor, Ont.	222nd overall (2025)	Guelph (OHL)	68	37	33	70	29
Mikko Rantanen	28	6-4	215	Left	Nousiainen, Fin.	Trade: Car 3/7/25	Colorado/Carolina/Dallas	82	32	56	88	60
Cameron Schmidt	18	5-7	161	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	94th overall (2025)	Vancouver (WHL)	61	40	38	78	44
Matthew Seminoff	21	6-0	192	Right	Leesburg, Va.	179th overall (2022)	Texas (AHL)	56	2	7	9	31
Dawson Sharkey	19	6-0	188	Right	Souris, P.E.I.	190th overall (2025)	Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)	54	22	17	39	124

Detroit RED WINGS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
39-35-8 (.524)

OVERTIME
6-8

SHOOTOUT
3-0

OVERALL
21st

OFFENSE
2.87 GPG (22nd)

DEFENSE
3.16 GAA (21st)

POWER PLAY
27.0% (4th)

PENALTY KILL
70.1% (32nd)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.4 (23rd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.58 (22nd)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
D. Larkin (20:04)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
M. Seider (25:04)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Todd McLellan

GM
Steve Yzerman

CAPTAIN
Dylan Larkin

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Little Caesars Arena

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Grand Rapids Griffins

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BY BOB DUFF

IF STEVE YZERMAN WERE a baseball player, you could say he enjoyed a solid summer. The GM's objective was to add three key pieces to his team: a top-six forward, a top-four defenseman (preferably a right shot) and, finally, a proven No. 1 goalie. Yzerman batted .333, going 1-for-3 at filling his needs. He landed a frontline netminder, acquiring John Gibson from the Anaheim Ducks. However, he came up empty in his other pursuits, as top UFAs again turned their back on the Red Wings, and the trade market proved fruitless.

So, unless Gibson stands on his head or the youngsters take further steps forward, the Wings are almost certainly facing a 10th successive season without playoff hockey.

>OFFENSE

The Red Wings entered 2024-25 minus 75 goals from their lineup. Still, generating offense on the whole wasn't a major issue. Scoring at even strength, however, was a significant problem. Detroit wound up 27th in the league with 143 5-on-5 goals. Heading into next season, there's been some addition by subtraction. The Wings replaced Vladimir Tarasenko and his 11 goals with the 16 goals James van Riemsdyk scored last season for Columbus. Lucas Raymond continued his growth into an elite NHLer, scoring 27 goals and a team-leading 80 points. Alex DeBrincat led the Wings with 39 goals, while captain Dylan Larkin hit the 30-goal plateau for the fourth successive season. Patrick Kane counted 21 goals, and six others hit double digits.

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MORITZ SEIDER

>DEFENSE

The Red Wings were looking to add a left-shot defenseman to play with Moritz Seider or a right-shot 'D' to slot in alongside Simon Edvinsson on the second pair. Unsuccessful, Detroit is going with the same top four as last season: Seider with Ben Chiarot and Edvinsson with Albert Johansson. Edvinsson kept making strides in his first full NHL season, while Johansson's reliable play was a revelation when he was given a chance after Todd McLellan took over as coach. The only addition to the blueline was right-shot UFA Jacob Bernard-Docker. He'll battle with Erik Gustafsson and Justin Holl for third-pair minutes. The Detroit defense accounted for a dismal 27 goals last season.

>GOALTENDING

Gibson's move to Detroit ended years of speculation that he'd be departing Anaheim. His career .910 save percentage, mostly earned playing for below-average clubs, will bring improvement for a team that was tied for 22nd last season with an .890 SP. Cam Talbot was solid in stints, but he's 38 and no longer capable of staying healthy enough to carry the load as a No. 1.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Since the NHL began tracking power-play and penalty-kill percentages, no club ever displayed the discrepancy the Red Wings did in 2024-25. Detroit's power play was fourth in the NHL at 27 percent, while the penalty kill was dead last at 70.1 percent. DeBrincat (13), Larkin (13) and Kane (12) all tallied double figures in power-play goals. Raymond (29) and Seider (20) each dished out 20-plus PP assists. Van Riemsdyk's net-front presence will further enhance this unit. The hope is that Bernard-Docker and winger Mason Appleton will upgrade the PK group.

>INTANGIBLES

Yzerman spoke extensively about the need for the club to play a heavier game following the conclusion of 2024-25. Expectations are that the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Appleton, a solid third-line presence in Winnipeg, and the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Bernard-Docker will bring that element. Yzerman and McLellan each expressed concern about the team's leadership group. Unless there's growth from within, this issue wasn't addressed with off-season moves.

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>ROOKIES

Several rookies are on the cusp of cracking the roster. Defenseman Axel Sandin-Pellikka arrives in North America after earning consecutive WJC top-defenseman selections. Norwegian winger Michael Brandsegg-Nygard proved a quick learner in a brief season-ending AHL stint. Sebastian Cossa is now third on the goalie depth chart.

>X-FACTOR

Latvian winger Eduards Tralmaks is an intriguing addition. The 28-year-old European free agent was top scorer in the Czech Extraliga and was impressive at the World Championship. He has size at 6-foot-4 and 213 pounds and has played plenty in North America, including four NCAA years at the University of Maine. He also posted a 14-goal season for the AHL's Providence Bruins in 2021-22.

>THE BRASS

With Yzerman entering his seventh season as GM, his seat is going to get quite hot should another playoff failure be the result. McLellan could help turn down the heat. The Wings were eighth-best in the East (26-18-4) after he took over. That projects to 96 points over 82 games, which would result in post-season hockey.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Lucas Raymond	1. Dylan Larkin	1. Alex DeBrincat
2. Patrick Kane	2. Marco Kasper	2. Elmer Soderblom
3. James van Riemsdyk	3. Andrew Copp	3. Mason Appleton
4. Michael Rasmussen	4. J.T. Compher	4. Jonatan Berggren
5. Austin Watson	5. Nate Danielson	5. Carter Mazur

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Moritz Seider	6. Jacob Bernard-Docker	1. John Gibson
2. Simon Edvinsson	7. Justin Holl	2. Cam Talbot
3. Ben Chiarot	8. William Lagesson	3. Sebastian Cossa
4. Albert Johansson	9. William Wallinder	
5. Erik Gustafsson	10. Axel Sandin-Pellikka	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Jeff Petry, D; Vladimir Tarasenko, RW; Petr Mrazek, G; Alex Lyon G; Tyler Motte, C; Craig Smith, C

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AXEL SANDIN-PELLIKKA

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Axel Sandin-Pellikka
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Skelleftea (Swe.)
Repeated as top WJC defenseman. He's a one-man breakout and an uber-talented power-play QB.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Carter Bear
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 Everett (WHL)
His motor never stops, and he wowed in draft year with 40-goal output. Reliable in all situations.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Nate Danielson
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Grand Rapids (AHL)
Wings will be patient as he develops in AHL. Coach's dream, as he does all the little things right.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Trey Augustine
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 Michigan State (Big Ten)
Calm, collected keeper is a serial winner. He's working to add puck-handling skill to deep toolbox.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. Michael Brandsegg-Nygard
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Skelleftea (Swe)
After a season in Sweden's top flight, clever scorer put up three points in three AHL playoff games.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Sebastian Cossa
Pos G **Age** 22
2024-25 Grand Rapids (AHL)
Casts shadow with 6-foot-6 frame. Thrives thanks to positional and mechanical soundness.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Eddie Genborg
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Linkoping (Swe.)
Stands 6-foot-1, but he plays like he's bigger. High floor thanks to two-way game and gritty play.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Carter Mazur
Pos LW **Age** 23
2024-25 Grand Rapids (AHL)
Fiery winger has great stats when healthy. Played just 20 AHL games plus one in the NHL last season.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Dmitri Buchelnikov
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25 Vityaz Moscow (KHL)
Nearly cracked top 15 in KHL scoring in breakout season. Speedster is always looking to create.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Emmitt Finnie
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Kamloops (WHL)
Finnie keeps kicking down doors. Has no single star-quality attribute but is total package with high IQ.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	
84 Raymond	
80	
75 DeBrincat	
70 Larkin	
60	
55 Kane	
54 Kasper	
	Seider 49
40	
	Edvinsson 39
35 Compher	
34 Appleton	
31 Copp	
30 van Riemsdyk	
30 Soderblom	
28 Rasmussen	Sandin-Pellikka 26
27 Berggren	
	Gustafsson 23
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18 Danielson	
	Chiarot 17
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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Detroit RED WINGS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Trey Augustine	20	6-1	183	Left	St. Louis, Mo.	41st overall (2023)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	30	19-7-4	2.08	.924
Sebastian Cossa	22	6-6	229	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	15th overall (2021)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	41	21-15-6	2.45	.911
John Gibson	32	6-2	214	Left	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Trade: Ana 6/28/25	Anaheim	29	11-11-2	2.77	.912
Rudy Guimond	20	6-3	166	Left	Pointe-Claire, Que.	169th overall (2023)	Moncton (QMJHL)	16	16-0-0	1.73	.940
Carter Gylander	24	6-4	170	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	191st overall (2019)	Toledo (ECHL)	34	20-9-5	2.61	.907
Landon Miller	19	6-4	193	Left	Barrie, Ont.	126th overall (2024)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	37	13-17-1	4.07	.877
Michal Postava	23	6-2	205	Left	Valasske Mezirici, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 6/11/25	Brno (Cze.)	42	23-18-0	2.39	.921
Michal Pradel	18	6-5	199	Left	Dolny Kubin, Svk.	75th overall (2025)	Slovakia Jr. (Svk.2)	15	3-12-0	4.59	.898
Cam Talbot	38	6-4	200	Left	Caledonia, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Detroit	47	21-19-5	2.93	.901

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jacob Bernard-Docker	25	6-1	198	Right	Canmore, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ottawa/Buffalo	40	2	6	8	17
Shai Buium	22	6-3	209	Left	San Diego, Calif.	36th overall (2021)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	67	2	23	25	22
Ben Chiarot	34	6-3	224	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Detroit	81	4	9	13	69
Brady Cleveland	20	6-5	211	Left	Wausau, Wis.	47th overall (2023)	Colorado (NCHC)	37	1	2	3	39
Simon Edvinsson	22	6-6	209	Left	Kungsbacka, Swe.	6th overall (2021)	Detroit	78	7	24	31	67
Erik Gustafsson	33	6-1	189	Left	Nynashamn, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Detroit	60	2	16	18	20
Justin Holl	33	6-4	194	Right	Tonka Bay, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Detroit	73	2	6	8	16
Anton Johansson	21	6-4	172	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	105th overall (2022)	Leksand (Swe.)	46	5	5	10	50
Albert Johansson	24	6-0	168	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	60th overall (2019)	Detroit	61	3	6	9	30
Larry Keenan	20	6-3	185	Left	Barrie, Ont.	117th overall (2023)	UMass (HE)	40	4	7	11	16
William Lagesson	29	6-2	211	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Grand Rapids (AHL)	23	3	6	9	18
Ian Mitchell	26	6-0	192	Right	St. Albert, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Providence (AHL)	47	4	23	27	16
Will Murphy	18	6-4	209	Left	Summerside, P.E.I.	172nd overall (2025)	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	54	2	2	4	45
Jack Phelan	21	6-2	171	Right	Hinsdale, Ill.	137th overall (2023)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	36	0	4	4	14
Axel Sandin-Pellikka	20	5-11	176	Right	Gallivare, Swe.	17th overall (2023)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	46	12	17	29	22
Fisher Scott	20	6-1	179	Left	Carbondale, Colo.	208th overall (2024)	Colorado (NCHC)	34	3	7	10	12
Moritz Seider	24	6-3	205	Right	Zell, Ger.	6th overall (2019)	Detroit	82	8	38	46	40
Antti Tuomisto	24	6-4	194	Right	Pori, Fin.	35th overall (2019)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	67	3	24	27	54
Nikita Tyurin	18	6-0	174	Left	Moscow, Rus.	140th overall (2025)	Spartak Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	50	4	16	20	22
Eemil Viro	23	6-0	165	Left	Vantaa, Fin.	70th overall (2020)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	62	1	4	5	40
William Wallinder	23	6-4	191	Left	Solleftea, Swe.	32nd overall (2020)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	62	2	17	19	10
John Whipple	19	6-1	192	Left	Morristown, N.J.	144th overall (2024)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	29	0	3	3	6

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Brennan Ali	21	6-0	193	Left	Glenco, Ill.	212th overall (2022)	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	38	7	12	19	18
Mason Appleton	29	6-2	194	Right	Green Bay, Wis.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Winnipeg	71	10	12	22	22
Ondrej Becher	21	6-1	184	Left	Ostrava, Cze.	80th overall (2024)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	59	10	10	20	8
Andrew Copp	31	6-1	203	Left	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Detroit	56	10	13	23	8
Nate Danielson	21	6-2	185	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	9th overall (2023)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	71	12	27	39	33
Sheldon Dries	31	5-9	180	Left	Macomb, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Grand Rapids (AHL)	65	25	15	40	35
Emmitt Finnie	20	6-0	170	Left	Lethbridge, Alta.	201st overall (2023)	Kamloops (WHL)	55	37	47	84	26
Marco Kasper	21	6-1	183	Left	Innsbruck, Aut.	8th overall (2022)	Detroit	77	19	18	37	34
Dylan Larkin	29	6-1	199	Left	Waterford, Mich.	15th overall (2014)	Detroit	82	30	40	70	40
Amadeus Lombardi	22	5-10	165	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	113th overall (2022)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	44	19	21	40	10
Owen Mehlenbacher	21	6-2	189	Left	Fort Erie, Ont.	201st overall (2022)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	25	4	2	6	2
Michael Rasmussen	26	6-6	220	Left	Surrey, B.C.	9th overall (2017)	Detroit	77	11	10	21	24
Grayden Robertson-Palmer	18	5-11	197	Left	North Bay, Ont.	204th overall (2025)	Phillips Academy (USHS)	30	16	23	39	n/a
Redmond Savage	22	5-11	180	Left	Scottsdale, Ariz.	114th overall (2021)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	20	5	6	11	6

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Austin Baker	19	6-0	190	Left	White Lake, Mich.	203rd overall (2024)	Sioux Falls (USHL)	56	10	21	31	19
Carter Bear	18	6-0	179	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	13th overall (2025)	Everett (WHL)	56	40	42	82	77
Kevin Bicker	20	6-0	176	Left	Weiden in der Oberpfalz, Ger.	147th overall (2023)	Frankfurt (Ger.)	20	0	5	5	15
Dmitri Buchelnikov	22	5-10	163	Right	Nizhny Tagil, Rus.	52nd overall (2022)	Vityaz Moscow Region (KHL)	65	15	39	54	12
J.T. Compher	30	6-0	190	Right	Northbrook, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Detroit	76	11	21	32	24
Alexandre Doucet	23	6-0	192	Left	Sherbrooke, Que.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/23	Grand Rapids (AHL)	64	7	14	21	37
Noah Dower Nilsson	20	6-0	174	Left	Stromstad, Swe.	73rd overall (2023)	Frolunda (Swe.)	35	4	6	10	10
Charlie Forslund	19	6-3	212	Left	Falun, Swe.	176th overall (2024)	Mora Jr. (Swe.)	44	9	14	23	8
Dylan James	21	6-0	181	Left	Calgary, Alta.	40th overall (2022)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	14	8	22	20
Maximilian Kilpinen	21	6-0	165	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	129th overall (2022)	Ostersund (Swe.2)	23	2	1	3	0
John Leonard	27	5-11	196	Left	Westwood, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Tucson (AHL)	63	12	20	32	24
Carter Mazur	23	6-0	170	Right	Jackson, Mich.	70th overall (2021)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	20	8	7	15	8
Max Plante	19	5-11	170	Left	Duluth, Minn.	47th overall (2024)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	23	9	19	28	16
Lucas Raymond	23	5-11	188	Right	Gothenburg, Swe.	4th overall (2020)	Detroit	82	27	53	80	18
Jakub Rychlovsky	24	5-10	181	Left	Vrchlabi, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 6/3/24	Grand Rapids (AHL)	38	3	5	8	12
Elmer Soderblom	24	6-8	246	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	159th overall (2019)	Grand Rapids (AHL)	38	5	12	17	29
Michal Svrcek	18	5-10	189	Left	Zilina, Svk.	119th overall (2025)	Brynas Jr. (Swe.)	30	14	16	30	10
James van Riemsdyk	36	6-3	209	Left	Middletown, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Columbus	71	16	20	36	23
Austin Watson	33	6-4	238	Right	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 10/7/24	Grand Rapids (AHL)	60	19	23	42	112

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jonatan Berggren	25	5-11	197	Left	Uppsala, Swe.	33rd overall (2018)	Detroit	75	12	12	24	14
Michael Brandsegg-Nygard	19	6-1	198	Right	Oslo, Nor.	15th overall (2024)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	42	5	6	11	51
Alex DeBrincat	27	5-8	180	Right	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Trade: Ott 7/9/23	Detroit	82	39	31	70	29
Kienan Draper	23	6-0	187	Right	Royal Oak, Mich.	187th overall (2020)	Michigan (Big Ten)	33	7	2	9	37
Eddie Genborg	18	6-1	179	Left	Trollhattan, Swe.	44th overall (2025)	Linkoping (Swe.)	28	2	0	2	4
Patrick Kane	36	5-10	177	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 11/28/23	Detroit	72	21	38	59	12
Jesse Kiiskinen	20	6-2	197	Right	Hollola, Fin.	Trade: Nsh 6/25/24	HPK (Fin.)	46	14	30	44	30
Dominik Shine	32	5-11	180	Right	Pinckney, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 1/27/25	Grand Rapids (AHL)	61	14	32	46	76
Brent Solomon	18	6-0	173	Right	Robbinsdale, Minn.	109th overall (2025)	Champlin Park (USHS)	28	38	18	56	12
Eduards Tralmaks	28	6-4	213	Left	Riga, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 3/21/25	Kladno (Cze.)	48	23	28	51	66

Edmonton OILERS

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
48-29-5 (.616)

OVERTIME
12-4

SHOOTOUT
0-1

OVERALL
9th

OFFENSE
3.16 GPG (11th)

DEFENSE
2.87 GAA (14th)

POWER PLAY
23.7% (12th)

PENALTY KILL
78.2% (16th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.84 (2nd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.37 (9th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
C. McDavid (22:02)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
E. Bouchard (23:28)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Kris Knoblauch

GM
Stan Bowman

CAPTAIN
Connor McDavid

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Rogers Place

CAPACITY
18,500

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Bakersfield Condors

ECHL AFFILIATE
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BY CAROL SCHRAM

AFTER THEIR HEARTBREAKING Game 7 loss in 2024, the Oilers ran it back but were thwarted once again by the Florida Panthers. Getting back to the final was no small achievement, especially after Edmonton's new GM Stan Bowman began his tenure with the offer-sheet poaching of Philip Broberg and Dylan Holloway. Bowman was able to fill those holes cost-effectively, and Leon Draisaitl flexed hard at both ends of the ice after signing his monster contract extension.

Evan Bouchard is also now a top earner, so the summer of '25 was about departures more than additions. Goaltending questions remain as the fan base nervously waits for the news of Connor McDavid's next megadeal, signalling that he still believes this group can go all the way. Once again, it's Cup or bust in Oil Country.

>OFFENSE

Though total scoring dipped for a second-straight year, Draisaitl's 52 goals easily earned him the Rocket Richard Trophy. Kris Knoblauch has shown himself to be willing to mix and match wingers around his two top pivots, with Zach Hyman and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins as the mainstays. With the departures of Evander Kane, Corey Perry and others up front, first dibs on joining that group will go to free-agent signing Andrew Mangiapane and prospects Matt Savoie and Isaac Howard. Fresh face David Tomasek, 29, could be sneaky good. He led the Swedish League in

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scoring last season. New arrival Curtis Lazar adds a right-shot faceoff presence and PK skills.

>DEFENSE

After ducking the threat of another offer-sheet crisis by signing Bouchard to a new four-year deal, Edmonton will be running it back with the same top seven blueliners who finished last season. That group includes Brett Kulak, who stepped up to play the most reliable hockey of his career, as well as dependable depth pieces Troy Stecher and Ty Emberson. John Klingberg has moved on, but trade-deadline pickup Jake Walman showed poise and snarl during the first significant playoff run of his career. Mattias Ekholm should be back in top form this fall after dealing with his late-season injury. Bowman addressed organizational depth by picking up Riley Stillman and 26-year-old Atro Leppanen, who led the Liiga in scoring in 2024-25 with 63 points in 60 games.

>GOALTENDING

With virtually no available cap space and limited options available for a netminding upgrade, the Oilers are sticking with Stuart Skinner and Calvin Pickard – for now, at least. Expect Bowman to keep investigating potential fits between the pipes. Change will become more difficult if the search carries into the season. It's not easy for goalies to step into new surroundings seamlessly. Longtime top farmhand Olivier Rodrigue has been supplanted by local free agent Matt Tomkins.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Power-play architect Glen Gulutzan has decamped for the coaching job in Dallas, but a man-advantage group led by McDavid, Draisaitl, Hyman and Bouchard will remain lethal. Mangiapane will fill Perry's net-front role. He also has enough sandpaper in his game to draw penalties. In the regular season, Edmonton cut down on power-play goals against by limiting shorthanded chances. But that discipline didn't carry over to the playoffs. By the final, the penalty kill had become an Achilles heel. New arrivals Mangiapane and Lazar will help fill the PK void left by Connor Brown.

>INTANGIBLES

There's no more important question league-wide than the future of McDavid, now less than a year away from reaching unrestricted free agency for the first time. Last year, it took until September for Draisaitl to sign, and McDavid's roots in Northern Alberta remain strong. But the captain made it clear at his season-ending media availability that winning was his No. 1 priority. If he doesn't sign this summer, could a rocky start cause a change of course?

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>ROOKIES

Hometown hotshot Savoie was the lone rookie looking to claim a spot among the veterans until Bowman swung the deal in July to bring in Howard, the 2025 Hobey Baker winner.

>X-FACTOR

The salary cap can't rise fast enough for Bowman to pay his stars and keep his full supporting cast in the fold. This summer's roster changes may have been born of necessity, but the new faces will bring fresh enthusiasm for chasing that elusive championship.

>THE BRASS

During his tumultuous first year at the helm, Bowman successfully made changes at the margins without much wiggle room. This summer, he was able to ditch the Kane and Arvidsson contracts without retaining money. Gulutzan held a spot on the Edmonton bench through four coaching regimes over seven seasons. He'll be missed.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	1. Connor McDavid	1. Zach Hyman
2. Isaac Howard	2. Leon Draisaitl	2. Andrew Mangiapane
3. Trent Frederic	3. Adam Henrique	3. Matt Savoie
4. Vasily Podkolzin	4. Curtis Lazar	4. Kasperi Kapanen
5. Mattias Janmark	5. Noah Philp	5. David Tomasek

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Evan Bouchard	6. Troy Stecher	1. Stuart Skinner
2. Mattias Ekholm	7. Ty Emberson	2. Calvin Pickard
3. Darnell Nurse	8. Josh Brown	3. Matt Tomkins
4. Jake Walman	9. Atro Leppanen	INJURED
5. Brett Kulak	10. Riley Stillman	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Corey Perry, RW; Connor Brown, RW; Evander Kane, LW; Jeff Skinner, LW; Viktor Arvidsson, LW; Derek Ryan, C; John Klingberg, D; Travis Dermott, D

MATT SAVOIE

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Matt Savoie
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Bakersfield (AHL)
Earned AHL All-Star Game nod as rookie. Better yet was his experience playing in all situations.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Isaac Howard
Pos LW **Age** 21
2024-25 Michigan St. (Big Ten)
Hobey Baker winner was an offensive force thanks to skating ability and instincts. High compete.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Beau Akey
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
Playmaking attributes and strong skating but never at the cost of 'D.' Big AHL minutes incoming.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Eemil Vinni
Pos G **Age** 19
2024-25 HIFK Jr. (Fin.)
Has all the physical tools. Just needs to see regular action. Played only nine total games last season.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

5. Tommy Lafreniere
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Kamloops (WHL)
Plays with perpetual motion and looks to push the pace. Has upside to become middle-six playmaker.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

6. Maksim Berezkin
Pos LW **Age** 23
2024-25 Yaroslavl (KHL)
Big winger spurred KHL champs with nine post-season goals. Uncertain if he wants move to NHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Roby Jarventie
Pos LW **Age** 23
2024-25 Bakersfield (AHL)
Oft-injured winger has projectable AHL numbers. Big and strong with shot that can overpower keepers.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Matvey Petrov
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25 Bakersfield (AHL)
Great OHL production has yet to translate to pro ranks. Sizeable winger is a work in progress.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. David Lewandowski
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 Saskatoon (WHL)
He has a big-league shot and plenty of room to grow. Settled in well in first WHL season.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Samuel Jonsson
Pos G **Age** 21
2024-25 Karlskoga (Swe.2)
Breakout season earned Jonsson top-goalie honors in Sweden's second tier. He's off to the AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	127 McDavid 110 Draisaitl	
80		Bouchard 76
	64 Nugent-Hopkins	
60		
	47 Hyman	
40	41 Mangiapane	
	36 Howard 35 Podkolzin	Ekholm 36
		Nurse 33
	31 Frederic	Walman 31
	26 Henrique 26 Savoie	
20	19 Kapanen 18 Janmark 17 Lazar	Kulak 19
		Emberson 13
		Stecher 7 Brown 5
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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ New Jersey	3:30 PM
Sun, Oct 19	@ Detroit	3:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Montreal	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Utah	9:30 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs NY Rangers	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	@ St. Louis	8:30 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 10	vs Columbus	8:30 PM
Wed, Nov 12	@ Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 25	vs Dallas	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Seattle	4:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Minnesota	9:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Seattle	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Buffalo	9:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Detroit	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Minnesota	3:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs Boston	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Philadelphia	3:30 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Nashville	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs NY Islanders	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 18	vs St. Louis	8:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs New Jersey	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Pittsburgh	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Washington	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	vs Anaheim	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	vs Toronto	8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Anaheim	10:30 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Ottawa	9:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	vs Carolina	9:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Vegas	9:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Colorado	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Fri, Mar 13	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Florida	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Tampa Bay	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Vegas	9:30 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Anaheim	3:30 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Seattle	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Chicago	9:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Utah	9:30 PM
Wed, Apr 8	@ San Jose	10:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Los Angeles	4:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Colorado	9:30 PM
Thu, Apr 16	vs Vancouver	9:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

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GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Nathaniel Day	20	6-2	181	Left	Burlington, Ont.	184th overall (2023)	Flint (OHL)	59	26-25-5	3.07	.894
Samuel Jonsson	21	6-5	201	Left	Angelholm, Swe.	158th overall (2022)	Karlskoga (Swe.2)	24	17-6-0	1.88	.922
Calvin Pickard	33	6-1	206	Left	Moncton, N.B.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Edmonton	36	22-10-1	2.71	.900
Daniel Salonen	19	6-3	185	Right	Espoo, Fin.	191st overall (2025)	Lukko Jr. (Fin.)	25	23-1-0	1.55	.933
Stuart Skinner	26	6-4	230	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	78th overall (2017)	Edmonton	51	26-18-4	2.81	.896
Matt Tomkins	31	6-4	191	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Syracuse (AHL)	26	12-10-5	2.55	.907
Connor Ungar	23	6-0	190	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/18/24	Fort Wayne (ECHL)	35	19-12-4	2.74	.903
Eemil Vinni	19	6-3	187	Left	Vantaa, Fin.	64th overall (2024)	HIFK Jr. (Fin.)	7	4-3-0	2.02	.910

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Beau Akey	20	6-0	173	Right	Waterloo, Ont.	56th overall (2023)	Barrie (OHL)	52	6	26	32	30
Asher Barnett	18	6-1	198	Left	Chicago, Ill.	131st overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	58	8	14	22	24
Bauer Berry	19	6-4	198	Left	Grand Forks, N.D.	218th overall (2024)	Muskegon (USHL)	58	1	6	7	46
Evan Bouchard	25	6-3	192	Right	Oakville, Ont.	10th overall (2018)	Edmonton	82	14	53	67	32
Josh Brown	31	6-5	220	Right	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Bakersfield (AHL)	39	0	4	4	77
Damien Carfagna	22	5-11	170	Left	Wood-Ridge, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 4/1/25	Ohio St. (Big Ten)	38	7	21	28	6
Cam Dineen	27	5-11	188	Left	Toms River, N.J.	Trade: Ari 3/2/23	Bakersfield (AHL)	59	9	34	43	20
Mattias Ekholm	35	6-5	225	Left	Borlange, Swe.	Trade: Nsh 2/28/23	Edmonton	65	9	24	33	30
Ty Emberson	25	6-2	193	Right	Eau Claire, Wis.	Trade: SJ 8/18/24	Edmonton	76	2	11	13	18
Paul Fischer	20	6-1	195	Left	Chicago, Ill.	Trade: StL 8/20/24	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	36	2	19	21	16
Brett Kulak	31	6-2	192	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Trade: Mtl 3/21/22	Edmonton	82	7	18	25	18
Atro Leppanen	26	6-0	183	Left	Mantta, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 4/13/25	Sport (Fin.)	60	21	42	63	30
Luca Munzenberger	22	6-2	190	Left	Dusseldorf, Ger.	90th overall (2021)	Vermont (HE)	31	5	7	12	18
Darnell Nurse	30	6-4	215	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	7th overall (2013)	Edmonton	76	5	28	33	72
Alec Regula	25	6-4	211	Right	West Bloomfield, Mich.	Waivers: Bos 12/11/24	Edmonton			DNP		
Troy Stecher	31	5-10	184	Right	Richmond, B.C.	Trade: Ari 3/7/24	Edmonton	66	3	4	7	27
Riley Stillman	27	6-2	207	Left	Peterborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Chicago (AHL)	35	3	6	9	58
Albin Sundin	21	6-2	198	Right	Kungsbacka, Swe.	183rd overall (2024)	Frolunda (Swe.)	25	0	0	0	6
Jake Walman	29	6-1	218	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Trade: SJ 3/7/25	San Jose/Edmonton	65	7	33	40	42
Nikita Yevseyev	21	6-1	187	Left	Almetyevsk, Rus.	190th overall (2022)	Kazan (KHL)	38	1	1	2	4

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Connor Clattenburg	20	6-4	195	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	160th overall (2024)	Flint (OHL)	46	16	19	35	108
Matt Copponi	22	5-11	174	Right	Mansfield, Mass.	216th overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	6	18	24	14
Maxim Denezhkin	24	5-10	165	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	193rd overall (2019)	Yekaterinburg (KHL)	57	9	7	16	18
Leon Draisaitl	29	6-2	209	Left	Cologne, Ger.	3rd overall (2014)	Edmonton	71	52	54	106	34
Trent Frederic	27	6-3	221	Left	St. Louis, Mo.	Trade: Bos 3/4/25	Boston/Edmonton	58	8	7	15	44
Jayden Grubbe	22	6-3	201	Right	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: NYR 5/31/23	Bakersfield (AHL)	62	2	12	14	44
Adam Henrique	35	6-0	195	Left	Brantford, Ont.	Trade: Ana 3/6/24	Edmonton	81	12	15	27	16
Mattias Janmark	32	6-2	205	Left	Danderyd, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/17/22	Edmonton	80	2	16	18	22
Curtis Lazar	30	6-0	203	Right	Salmon Arm, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	New Jersey	48	2	3	5	14
Joel Maatta	23	6-1	200	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	222nd overall (2022)	Vermont (HE)	35	9	18	27	16
Tomas Mazura	25	6-2	170	Left	Pardubice, Cze.	162nd overall (2019)	Mlada Boleslav (Cze.)	20	4	8	12	2
Connor McDavid	28	6-1	194	Left	Richmond Hill, Ont.	1st overall (2015)	Edmonton	67	26	74	100	37
William Nicholl	19	6-0	184	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	196th overall (2024)	London (OHL)	66	21	36	57	33
Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	32	6-1	192	Left	Burnaby, B.C.	1st overall (2011)	Edmonton	78	20	29	49	24
Aidan Park	19	6-1	188	Right	Newport Beach, Calif.	223rd overall (2025)	Green Bay (USHL)	55	33	33	66	49
Noah Philp	27	6-3	198	Right	Canmore, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 4/6/22	Bakersfield (AHL)	55	19	16	35	29
Josh Samanski	23	6-3	201	Left	Erding, Ger.	Free Agent: signed 4/2/25	Straubing (Ger.)	52	14	26	40	29
Matt Savoie	21	5-9	179	Right	St. Albert, Alta.	Trade: Buf 7/5/24	Bakersfield (AHL)	66	19	35	54	28
Dalyn Wakely	21	6-0	190	Right	Port Hope, Ont.	192nd overall (2024)	Barrie (OHL)	55	23	35	58	54

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Maksim Berezkin	23	6-2	201	Right	Chita, Rus.	138th overall (2020)	Yaroslavl (KHL)	66	15	27	42	18
James Hamblin	26	5-10	185	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/22	Bakersfield (AHL)	51	19	26	45	24
Isaac Howard	21	5-10	180	Left	Hudson, Wis.	Trade: TB 7/8/25	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	26	26	52	10
Zach Hyman	33	6-1	206	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Edmonton	73	27	17	44	32
Roby Jarventie	23	6-2	184	Left	Tampere, Fin.	Trade: Ott 7/15/24	Bakersfield (AHL)	2	0	2	2	0
Max Jones	27	6-3	216	Left	Rochester, Mich.	Trade: Bos 3/4/25	Providence (AHL)	38	13	8	21	38
David Lewandowski	18	6-1	177	Left	Schwetzingen, Ger.	117th overall (2025)	Saskatoon (WHL)	52	15	24	39	21
Andrew Mangiapane	29	5-10	183	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Washington	81	14	14	28	24
Viljami Marjala	22	6-0	178	Left	Oulu, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/7/25	TPS (Fin.)	54	8	44	52	8
Matvey Petrov	22	6-2	178	Right	Gus-Khrustalny, Rus.	180th overall (2021)	Bakersfield (AHL)	50	9	7	16	10

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Petr Hauser	22	6-3	200	Right	Plzen, Cze.	Trade: NJ 3/4/25	Plzen/Ostrava (Cze.)	26	1	3	4	6
Quinn Hutson	23	5-11	170	Right	North Barrington, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 4/14/25	Boston Univ. (HE)	38	23	27	50	33
Kasperi Kapanen	29	6-1	194	Right	Kuopio, Fin.	Waivers: StL 11/19/24	St. Louis/Edmonton	67	6	8	14	16
Tommy Lafreniere	18	5-11	172	Right	Whistler, B.C.	83rd overall (2025)	Kamloops (WHL)	68	24	32	56	20
Vasily Podkolzin	24	6-1	190	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Van 8/18/24	Edmonton	82	8	16	24	48
James Stefan	22	6-0	183	Right	Atlanta, Ga.	Free Agent: signed 3/21/24	Bakersfield (AHL)	45	3	0	3	8
Brady Stonehouse	21	5-10	193	Left	Blenheim, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/5/23	Ottawa/Peterborough (OHL)	48	14	14	28	41
David Tomasek	29	6-2	190	Right	Prague, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 4/2/25	Farjestad (Swe.)	47	24	33	57	43

Florida PANTHERS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
47-31-4 (.598)

OVERTIME
4-4

SHOOTOUT
6-0

OVERALL
11th

OFFENSE
3.00 GPG (15th)

DEFENSE
2.72 GAA (7th)

POWER PLAY
23.5% (13th)

PENALTY KILL
80.7% (10th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.74 (4th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.23 (2nd)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
S. Reinhart (20:30)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
S. Jones (24:55)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Paul Maurice

GM
Bill Zito

CAPTAIN
Aleksander Barkov

ARENA
Amerant Bank Arena

CAPACITY
19,109

AHL AFFILIATE
Charlotte Checkers

ECHL AFFILIATE
Savannah Ghost Pirates

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BY DAVID DWORK

IT'S NOT EASY TO find faults with the Florida Panthers these days. A franchise that was mired in mediocrity for the better part of three decades has become the NHL's premier club, developing into a perennial Stanley Cup contender that could prove to be the league's next dynasty.

With a lethal combination of talent and depth, the Panthers have built a formidable roster of hardworking individuals who have zero issue doing whatever it takes for the team to succeed. Florida is coming off back-to-back Stanley Cup victories, and with the majority of the team entering the prime years of their careers, we may have yet to see the Panthers at their very best.

>OFFENSE

There is no shortage of offensive talent on the roster. The Panthers have three forwards in Aleksander Barkov, Sam Reinhart and Matthew Tkachuk who are point-per-game producers. Conn Smythe winner Sam Bennett is starting to reach his potential, and tenacious winger Carter Verhaeghe has scored 120 goals over the past four seasons. Secondary scoring is where Florida will sneak up and bite you. In addition to the offensive studs, the Panthers feature ascending players like young Finns An-

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ton Lundell and Eetu Luostarinen and 2021 first-round pick Mackie Samoskevich. They allow coach Paul Maurice to roll his lines and find production across all four of them. And don't forget about Brad Marchand. He turned Florida's third line into a force during last year's playoffs.

>DEFENSE

Florida's tight-gapped defensive systems are the bedrock of how it plays. Like the forward group, the Panthers return with most of the same defensemen, all of whom are familiar with how the team defends. In terms of pairings, Gustav Forsling and Aaron Ekblad will continue to gobble up minutes and play in all situations. The departure of Nate Schmidt provides an opening for Forsling to see more time on the power play. Seth Jones and Niko Mikkola are a likely duo once again. Jones, who led the team in ice time in the 2025 playoffs, will be one to watch throughout the season as he continues to acclimate himself to Maurice's systems.

>GOALTENDING

It's been quite a journey for Sergei Bobrovsky. After starting his tenure with the Panthers on somewhat shaky ground, he's found an incredible form the past four seasons. He's cemented himself as one of the NHL's elite netminders and all-time playoff performers. Backing up Bobrovsky will be newcomer Daniil Tarasov. Because the Panthers will look to keep Bobrovsky in the 50- to 55-game range and fresh for the playoffs, the 26-year-old will likely see more playing time than in any of his previous four NHL seasons.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Over the past two seasons, Florida made it a priority to improve and fortify the penalty kill. Expect to see Barkov, Reinhart, Lundell, Marchand, Luostarinen and Tomas Nosek contribute while shorthanded. They take quite a bit of pressure off Ekblad, Forsling, Mikkola and Jones on the back end. The challenge on the power play will be getting the top players the time it takes to gel as a unit. Between past injuries and new additions, the top unit will likely take some time to get reacclimated once they're all together again.

>INTANGIBLES

As they've proven the past two post-seasons, the Panthers have grown into a team with no soft targets. They will beat you with their skill and physically. They will chirp you and laugh and stick their tongues out while fighting you. Beyond the skill and depth, the Panthers have built themselves into a hockey team that opponents dread facing.

>ROOKIES

Not surprisingly, Florida isn't expected to have any rookies who will make an impact this season. The youngest regular, 22-year-old Samoskevich, will see his playing time increase. He'll possibly get a look in the top six.

>X-FACTOR

The name of the game for the Panthers is steady as she goes. Florida has put itself in position to contend for the Stanley Cup for years to come. The Panthers just need to avoid major injuries and continue to take Maurice's word as gospel.

>THE BRASS

GM Bill Zito has been a finalist for the Jim Gregory GM of the Year Award in four of his five seasons with the Panthers. His transformation of the franchise into the potential dynasty it has become is nothing short of remarkable. The hiring of Maurice was the final piece of the championship puzzle. He's helped the team both on and off the ice.

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Carter Verhaeghe	1. Aleksander Barkov	1. Matthew Tkachuk
2. Mackie Samoskevich	2. Sam Bennett	2. Sam Reinhart
3. Eetu Luostarinen	3. Anton Lundell	3. Brad Marchand
4. A.J. Greer	4. Tomas Nosek	4. Evan Rodrigues
5. Jesper Boqvist	5. Ryan McAllister	5. Jonah Gadjovich

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Aaron Ekblad	6. Jeff Petry	1. Sergei Bobrovsky
2. Gustav Forsling	7. Uvis Balinskis	2. Daniil Tarasov
3. Seth Jones	8. Tobias Bjornfot	3. Brandon Bussi
4. Niko Mikkola	9. Mike Benning	INJURED
5. Dmitry Kulikov	10. Marek Alscher	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Nate Schmidt, D; Vitek Vanecek, G; Nico Sturm, C; Jesse Puljujarvi, RW; Jaycob Megna, D; Rasmus Asplund, C

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Linus Eriksson
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Timra (Swe.)
Pivot makes impact by arriving in right place at right time. Goal now must be to develop physically.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

2. Matvei Shuravin
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 K.A. Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
Broad skill set allows him to contribute no matter the style. Has to start moving up Russian ranks.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Gracyn Sawchyn
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Edmonton (WHL)
Consistently elevating his output and not afraid to do the lunchpail work. He'll be an AHLer soon.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Jack Devine
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Denver (NCHC)
Back-to-back Hobey Baker finalist led NCAA in assists, turned pro and was immediate AHL contributor.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Simon Zether
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Vasteras (Swe.2)
Big-bodied center profiles as high-floor, low-ceiling pro. Aims to take step to top Swedish league.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

6. Mads Kongsbak Klyvo
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)
Winger played part in Danish D-IA golds, starring at U-18s and playing bit part at U-20s. Good tools.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

7. Stepan Gorbunov
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Chelyabinsk (Rus.2)
Massive pivot is impossible to move when settled in net-front area. Also skates deceptively well.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Marek Alscher
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Charlotte (AHL)
Time in WHL eased move to North American pro game. Physical and feisty but with puck-moving skills.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. Hunter St. Martin
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
Plays fast, simple, effective game with a nose for the net. Needs another gear to reach next level.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Kirill Gerasimyuk
Pos G **Age** 22
2024-25 Khanty-Man. (Rus.2)
Stood out in Russia's second tier thanks to athleticism. Now, he'll prepare to fight for AHL duty.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS **DEFENSEMEN**

100

90 Tkachuk

82 Reinhart

80

78 Barkov

60 60 Verhaeghe

56 Marchand

51 Bennett

48 Lundell Jones 48

42 Samoskevich

40 Ekblad 39

38 Rodrigues

Forsling 33

29 Luostarinen

23 Boqvist

20 Mikkola 20
Kulikov 19
Balinskis 18
Petry 16

14 Greer
13 Nosek

7 Gadjovich

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SCHEDULE

Tue, Oct 7	vs Chicago	5:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 15	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Buffalo	1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Boston	7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Vegas	6:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Dallas	6:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 10	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Tampa Bay	6:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Calgary	4:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Columbus	3:30 PM
Sun, Dec 7	vs NY Islanders	5:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	@ Utah	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 15	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs St. Louis	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	vs NY Rangers*	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	vs Colorado	5:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Toronto	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Minnesota	9:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Winnipeg	4:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ NY Islanders	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Seattle	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	@ NY Rangers	1:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Pittsburgh	5:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 15	vs Detroit	7:00 PM

*Winter Classic

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Florida PANTHERS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Cooper Black	24	6-8	223	Left	Alpena, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 4/2/24	Charlotte Checkers (AHL_	17	11-4-2	1.98	.910
Sergei Bobrovsky	37	6-2	180	Left	Novokuznetsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	Florida	54	33-19-2	2.44	.906
Brandon Bussi	27	6-4	218	Right	Sound Beach, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Providence (AHL)	33	15-14-4	2.77	.907
Denis Gabdrakhmanov	20	6-3	187	Left	Nizhny Tagil, Rus.	201st overall (2024)	Tyumen Jr. (Rus.)	26	10-14-2	2.89	.930
Kirill Gerasimyuk	22	6-2	178	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	152nd overall (2021)	SKA-Neva/Khanty-Man. (Rus.2)	32	12-9-8	1.93	.930
Olof Glifford	20	6-4	191	Left	Huskvarna, Swe.	159th overall (2023)	HV71 Jr. (Swe.)	21	11-10-0	2.88	.897
Yegor Midlak	18	6-6	176	Left	Tver, Rus.	224th overall (2025)	Spartak Moscow U18 (Rus.)	10	n/a	2.32	n/a
Tyler Muszelik	21	6-3	195	Left	Long Valley, N.J.	189th overall (2022)	Connecticut (HE)	22	12-6-3	2.28	.914
Daniil Tarasov	26	6-5	203	Left	Novokuznetsk, Rus.	Trade: Clb 6/26/25	Columbus	20	7-10-2	3.54	.881

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Marek Alscher	21	6-3	206	Left	Slany, Cze.	93rd overall (2022)	Charlotte (AHL)	53	2	8	10	36
Uvis Balinskis	29	6-0	196	Left	Ventspils, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 4/18/23	Florida	76	4	14	18	27
Mike Benning	23	5-9	185	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	95th overall (2020)	Charlotte (AHL)	54	9	23	32	34
Tobias Bjornfot	24	6-0	200	Left	Upplands Vasby, Swe.	Waivers: Veg 3/8/24	Charlotte (AHL)	50	3	15	18	24
Luke Coughlin	20	5-10	170	Left	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	191st overall (2023)	Rimouski (QMJHL)	54	4	20	24	28
Brendan Dunphy	19	6-5	207	Left	Bellingham, Wash.	197th overall (2025)	Wenatchee (WHL)	47	4	18	22	62
Aaron Ekblad	29	6-4	220	Right	Windsor, Ont.	1st overall (2014)	Florida	56	3	30	33	53
Gustav Forsling	29	6-1	199	Left	Linkoping, Swe.	Waivers: Car 1/9/21	Florida	80	11	20	31	16
Mikulas Hovorka	24	6-6	229	Right	Prague, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 4/10/24	Charlotte (AHL)	60	3	7	10	33
Ludvig Jansson	21	6-0	176	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	125th overall (2022)	Lulea (Swe.)	50	1	3	4	37
Seth Jones	30	6-4	213	Right	Arlington, Texas	Trade: Chi 3/1/25	Chicago/Florida	63	9	27	36	22
Dmitry Kulikov	34	6-1	212	Left	Lipetsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Florida	70	4	9	13	38
Vladislav Lukashevich	22	6-2	167	Left	Magadan, Rus.	120th overall (2021)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	29	1	6	7	4
Niko Mikkola	29	6-6	204	Left	Kiiminki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Florida	76	6	16	22	70
Evan Nause	22	6-2	192	Left	White Rock, B.C.	56th overall (2021)	Savannah (ECHL)	63	6	23	29	54
Jeff Petry	37	6-3	208	Right	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Detroit	44	1	7	8	16
Matvei Shuravin	19	6-4	218	Left	Moscow, Rus.	97th overall (2024)	Krasnaya Armiya Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	38	4	20	24	10
Albert Wikman	20	6-1	191	Left	Arvika, Swe.	127th overall (2023)	Sodertalje (Swe.2)	47	5	3	8	8

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Aleksander Barkov	30	6-3	214	Left	Tampere, Fin.	2nd overall (2013)	Florida	67	20	51	71	16
Sam Bennett	29	6-1	193	Left	Holland Landing, Ont.	Trade: Cgy 4/12/21	Florida	76	25	26	51	90
Jesper Boqvist	26	6-1	190	Left	Falun, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Florida	78	12	11	23	14
Linus Eriksson	19	6-0	183	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	58th overall (2024)	Timra (Swe.)	18	1	1	2	29
Stepan Gorbunov	19	6-5	196	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	169th overall (2024)	Chelyabinsk (Rus.2)	48	11	14	25	22
Aleksi Heponiemi	26	5-10	155	Left	Tampere, Fin.	40th overall (2017)	Biel-Bienne (Sui.)	37	6	12	18	8
Anton Lundell	23	6-1	196	Left	Espoo, Fin.	12th overall (2020)	Florida	79	17	28	45	36
Eetu Luostarinen	27	6-3	191	Left	Siilinjarvi, Fin.	Trade: Car 2/24/20	Florida	80	9	15	24	28
Ryan McAllister	23	5-10	183	Left	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 4/3/23	Charlotte (AHL)	16	7	8	15	2
Sam Reinhart	29	6-1	196	Right	West Vancouver, B.C.	Trade: Buf 7/24/21	Florida	79	39	42	81	27
Gracyn Sawchyn	20	5-11	157	Right	Grande Prairie, Alta.	63rd overall (2023)	Edmonton (WHL)	54	30	48	78	76
Wilmer Skoog	26	6-2	196	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/12/24	Charlotte (AHL)	72	9	15	24	63
Jack Studnicka	26	6-1	187	Right	Windsor, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ontario (AHL)	72	16	29	45	64
Carter Verhaeghe	30	6-2	183	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/9/20	Florida	81	20	33	53	46
Simon Zether	19	6-3	186	Right	Helsingborg, Swe.	129th overall (2024)	Vasteras (Swe.2)	25	4	8	12	10

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Shea Busch	18	6-2	208	Left	North Vancouver, B.C.	128th overall (2025)	Everett (WHL)	39	11	8	19	23
Josh Davies	21	5-9	197	Left	Calgary, Alta.	186th overall (2022)	Savannah (ECHL)	34	11	5	16	17
Nolan Foote	24	6-3	196	Left	Denver, Colo.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Utica (AHL)	53	18	21	39	29
Jonah Gadjovich	26	6-3	211	Left	Whitby, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/16/23	Florida	42	4	0	4	60
A.J. Greer	28	6-3	209	Left	Joliette, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Florida	81	6	11	17	130
Mads Kongsbak Klyvo	18	6-2	194	Left	Frederikshavn, Den.	112th overall (2025)	Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)	42	14	15	29	6
Brad Marchand	37	5-9	180	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Trade: Bos 3/7/25	Boston/Florida	71	23	28	51	64
Tomas Nosek	33	6-3	199	Left	Pardubice, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Florida	59	1	8	9	10
Oliver Okuliar	25	6-2	190	Left	Trencin, Svk.	Free Agent: signed 4/12/24	Charlotte (AHL)	69	19	22	41	119
Kai Schwindt	21	6-6	197	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 9/30/22	Savannah (ECHL)	66	8	11	19	36
Hunter St. Martin	20	6-1	174	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	193rd overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	65	39	20	59	62
Ben Steeves	23	5-8	165	Left	Bedford, N.H.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/24	Charlotte (AHL)	60	10	18	28	58
Matthew Tkachuk	27	6-2	202	Left	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Trade: Cgy 7/22/22	Florida	52	22	35	57	54
Sandis Vilmanis	21	6-1	192	Left	Riga, Lat.	157th overall (2022)	Charlotte (AHL)	61	9	18	27	12
Stepan Zvyagin	21	6-0	161	Left	Moscow, Rus.	198th overall (2023)	Kunlun (KHL)	27	2	1	3	2

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jack Devine	22	5-11	173	Right	Glencoe, Ill.	221st overall (2022)	Denver (NCHC)	44	13	44	57	32
Arvid Drott	18	6-0	183	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	192nd overall (2025)	Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)	40	18	18	36	14
Mackenzie Entwistle	26	6-3	203	Right	Georgetown, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Charlotte (AHL)	7	1	1	2	10
Anton Lundmark	24	6-4	192	Right	Sarestad, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/3/25	Timra (Swe.)	49	5	4	9	0
Shamar Moses	18	6-1	200	Right	Scarborough, Ont.	129th overall (2025)	Barrie/North Bay (OHL)	66	12	36	48	39
Evan Rodrigues	32	5-11	182	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/23	Florida	82	15	17	32	38
Mackie Samoskevich	22	5-11	180	Right	Newtown, Conn.	24th overall (2021)	Florida	72	15	16	31	12

Los Angeles KINGS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
48-25-9 (.640)

OVERTIME
4-6

SHOOTOUT
1-3

OVERALL
6th

OFFENSE
3.04 GPG (14th)

DEFENSE
2.48 GAA (2nd)

POWER PLAY
17.9% (27th)

PENALTY KILL
81.4% (8th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.59 (10th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.17 (1st)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
A, Kempe (19:09)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
D. Doughty (24:08)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Jim Hiller

GM
Ken Holland

CAPTAIN
Anze Kopitar

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CAPACITY
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BY DOUG WARD

LIKE A TRUE MONARCHY, the L.A. Kings like to keep the line of succession in the family, but four years of playoff stagnation demanded a regime change beyond the usual in-house options. When a franchise-record-tying 105-point season – including a strong 17-5-0 sprint to the finish – resulted in yet another first-round loss to Edmonton, GM Rob Blake's royal reign was over.

Ken Holland, who had a hand in four Stanley Cups in Detroit, was handed the crown and a mandate: make the Kings, well, Kings again. At the very least, Holland needs to get L.A. out of the first round. In firing franchise royalty in favor of an outsider, president Luc Robitaille understands windows don't stay open forever. Holland, who helped turn Edmonton into the Kings' nemesis, will be 70 in November. He understands the sense of urgency.

>OFFENSE

The absence of a pure goal-scorer has played a part in the Kings' inability to advance and was not addressed. The offense did rank 14th in the league, led by 35-goal scorers Adrian Kempe and Kevin Fiala. The last time L.A. had two 35-goal scorers, one was Robitaille, whose silver hair was jet black, while the other, Ziggy Palffy, retired long ago. After the arrival of Andrei Kuzmenko, the Kings finished the regular season with a flurry, averaging 3.68 goals per game over the final 22 contests. Anze Kopitar, 38, posted 67 points and claimed his third Lady Byng Trophy, but he

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is winding down. Quinton Byfield's development bodes well for the future.

>DEFENSE

The Kings were dominant at home, posting a 31-6-4 record, on the strength of a stellar defense that held opponents to 2.48 goals per game (second-best in the NHL). Repeating those numbers will be challenging following the departure of Vladislav Gavrikov, who signed with the Rangers. Mikey Anderson is solid, while partner Drew Doughty missed much of last season with a broken ankle. Doughty's post-season play was not up to his high standard. Holland dealt Jordan Spence to Ottawa, a move that provides Brandt Clarke more responsibility and development time. Clarke, the eighth-overall pick in 2021, will pair with Joel Edmundson, but the defense got older with the addition of free agents Brian Dumoulin, 33, and Cody Ceci, 31. Jacob Moverare provides depth.

>GOALTENDING

Holland, a goalie during his four-game NHL playing career, inherits a clear-cut No. 1 netminder in Darcy Kuemper. If Kuemper can rinse and repeat last season's Vezina-finalist performance, the Kings will be solid in goal. With Kuemper's name pencilled in for the majority of starts, Anton Forsberg will be the backup, while Pheonix Copley will be waiting in the wings. The Kings have organizational depth, with promising Carter George, Erik Portillo and Hampton Slukynsky in the pipeline.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams, which can be both a blessing and a curse for the Kings, are trending up. The power play was sleepy during much of the regular season (15.0 percent) before the arrival of Kuzmenko at the trade deadline provided a jolt of energy, lifting the success rate to 23.9 percent in 22 games. The 'Special K' unit of Kuzmenko, Kopitar and Kempe is back, which is the best possible news for the PP. The penalty kill was reliable, finishing eighth in the NHL (81.4 percent), with Byfield's emergence as an elite penalty-killer being key.

>INTANGIBLES

If you want the embodiment of the perfect King, look no further than Kopitar. The team's captain, Kopitar has been instrumental to the franchise's two Stanley Cups, has won a Mark Messier Leadership Award, three Lady Byng Trophies and two Selke Trophies. Likewise, if you want a look at the ideal Kings defenseman, take a gander at two-time Cup winner Drew Doughty, the 2016 Norris Trophy winner.

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>ROOKIES

Liam Greentree, the Kings' top prospect, could make his NHL debut this season after having his development slowed by a wrist injury. Forwards Jeff Malott and Andre Lee are expected to earn significant ice time while winger Jared Wright will have a chance to play his way onto the roster.

>X-FACTOR

Unable to get through Edmonton, the Kings went to Holland, who brought in veterans Dumoulin, Ceci and Corey Perry, more evidence the future is now. If those vets earn enough of coach Jim Hiller's trust to play regular shifts in the post-season, the Kings might win a playoff series.

>THE BRASS

Hiller's impressive work in the regular season was overshadowed by his inability to push the right buttons against Edmonton. Robitaille won a Stanley Cup under Holland in Detroit, which provides a comfort level. Owner Philip Anschutz remains hands-off. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Andrei Kuzmenko	1. Anze Kopitar	1. Adrian Kempe
2. Kevin Fiala	2. Quinton Byfield	2. Alex Laferriere
3. Trevor Moore	3. Phillip Danault	3. Warren Foegele
4. Joel Armia	4. Alex Turcotte	4. Corey Perry
5. Jeff Malott	5. Samuel Helenius	5. Andre Lee

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Drew Doughty	6. Cody Ceci	1. Darcy Kuemper
2. Mikey Anderson	7. Jacob Moverare	2. Anton Forsberg
3. Joel Edmundson	8. Kyle Burroughs	3. Pheonix Copley
4. Brandt Clarke	9. Kirill Kirsanov	
5. Brian Dumoulin	10. Otto Salin	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Vladislav Gavrikov, D; Trevor Lewis, C; David Rittich, G; Tanner Jeannot, LW; Jordan Spence, D

LIAM GREENTREE

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Liam Greentree
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Windsor (OHL)
Third in OHL scoring thanks to combo of speed, size and skill. He's on fast track to pro game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Henry Brzustewicz
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 London (OHL)
Embraced larger role and blossomed offensively. Foundation of his game is solid own-zone play.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Erik Portillo
Pos G **Age** 25
2024-25 Ontario (AHL)
Look beyond the numbers. Portillo's AHL play is putting him in conversation for regular NHL duty.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Carter George
Pos G **Age** 19
2024-25 Owen Sound (OHL)
Athletic Canadian keeper raised profile by leading qualified WJC stoppers in both SP and GAA.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

5. Vojtech Cihar
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 Karlovy Vary (Cze.)
High-energy winger backchecks as hard as he forechecks. Set for larger role in Czech league.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

6. Hampton Slukynsky
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 W. Michigan (NCHC)
NCAA brilliance earned him WJC and World Championship experience. Loves to challenge shooters.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Jakub Dvorak
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Ontario (AHL)
Dvorak has no use for flash. Just simple hockey. Big frame gives him good reach and physical edge.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Jared Wright
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Denver (NCHC)
Blazing speed helps him create offense. He will need to work on consistency and burying chances.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Otto Salin
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 TPS (Fin.)
Still developing defensively, but his offensive game is promising. Strong skater loves to join rush.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Kristian Epperson
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Saginaw (OHL)
Good offensive awareness. Dogged on the forecheck. After one OHL season, he's off to NCAA Denver.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80		
	74 Kempe	
	65 Kopitar 64 Fiala 64 Byfield	
60		
	47 Kuzmenko 46 Foegele 46 Danault 44 Laferriere 43 Moore	Clarke 42
40		
		Doughty 39
	27 Armia 27 Perry	
	23 Turcotte	
		Ceci 22 Anderson 21
20		
		Edmundson 18
		Dumoulin 15
	10 Helenius	
		Burroughs 7 Moverare 6
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SCHEDULE

Tue, Oct 7	vs Colorado	10:30 PM
Wed, Oct 8	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Winnipeg	1:30 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Pittsburgh	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Carolina	9:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ San Jose	11:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Detroit	10:30 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs New Jersey	9:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Winnipeg	10:30 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Florida	10:30 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Pittsburgh	2:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 21	vs Boston	10:30 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Ottawa	9:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Anaheim	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Washington	10:30 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Chicago	10:30 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Chicago	9:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 15	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Anaheim	9:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Tampa Bay	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Minnesota	9:00 PM
Mon, Jan 5	vs Minnesota	10:30 PM
Wed, Jan 7	vs San Jose	10:30 PM
Fri, Jan 9	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs Dallas	10:30 PM
Wed, Jan 14	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	vs Anaheim	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs NY Rangers	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Philadelphia	12:30 PM
Sun, Feb 1	@ Carolina	3:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Edmonton	10:30 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	vs Colorado	10:30 PM
Thu, Mar 5	vs NY Islanders	9:30 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 13	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Philadelphia	10:30 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Buffalo	4:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Utah	9:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1	vs St. Louis	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Nashville	10:30 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	vs Nashville	10:30 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Vancouver	10:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Edmonton	4:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Calgary	9:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Los Angeles KINGS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Pheonix Copley	33	6-4	205	Left	North Pole, Alaska	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Ontario (AHL)	42	24-17-1	2.49	.904
Anton Forsberg	32	6-3	198	Left	Harnosand, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ottawa	30	11-12-3	2.72	.901
Carter George	19	6-1	196	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	57th overall (2024)	Owen Sound (OHL)	47	17-22-6	3.35	.909
Darcy Kuemper	35	6-5	215	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: Wsh 6/19/24	Los Angeles	50	31-11-7	2.02	.922
Erik Portillo	25	6-6	218	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	Trade: Buf 3/1/23	Ontario (AHL)	24	15-5-4	2.82	.889
Petteri Rimpinen	19	6-0	176	Left	Kirkkonummi, Fin.	152nd overall (2025)	Kiekko-Espoo (Fin.)	40	16-9-14	2.35	.912
Hampton Slukynsky	20	6-1	179	Left	Roseau, Minn.	118th overall (2023)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	25	19-5-1	1.90	.922

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Mikey Anderson	26	6-0	195	Left	Roseville, Minn.	103rd overall (2017)	Los Angeles	77	6	18	24	28
Samuel Bolduc	24	6-4	224	Left	Laval, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Bridgeport (AHL)	69	9	26	35	6
Angus Booth	21	6-0	177	Left	Montreal, Que.	116th overall (2022)	Ontario (AHL)	50	2	11	13	38
Henry Brzustewicz	18	6-2	203	Right	Washington Twp., Mich.	31st overall (2025)	London (OHL)	67	10	32	42	77
Kyle Burroughs	30	6-0	193	Right	Vancouver, B.C.	Trade: SJ 6/27/24	Los Angeles	33	0	3	3	39
Cody Ceci	31	6-3	210	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Jose/Dallas	85	4	20	24	24
Brandt Clarke	22	6-2	200	Right	Nepean, Ont.	8th overall (2021)	Los Angeles	78	5	28	33	46
Drew Doughty	35	6-1	210	Right	London, Ont.	2nd overall (2008)	Los Angeles	30	4	13	17	20
Braden Doyle	24	5-11	162	Left	Beverly, Mass.	157th overall (2019)	Niagara (AHA)	37	1	9	10	12
Brian Dumoulin	34	6-4	214	Left	Biddeford, Maine	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Anaheim/New Jersey	80	3	19	22	14
Jakub Dvorak	20	6-5	203	Left	Liberec, Cze.	54th overall (2023)	Ontario (AHL)	46	0	4	4	28
Joel Edmundson	32	6-5	221	Left	Brandon, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Los Angeles	73	6	14	20	22
Caeden Herrington	19	6-2	204	Right	Manchester, Vt.	120th overall (2025)	Lincoln (USHL)	56	16	18	34	67
Joe Hicketts	29	5-8	176	Left	Kamloops, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/23	Ontario (AHL)	62	3	24	27	47
Kirill Kirsanov	23	6-1	198	Left	Tver, Rus.	84th overall (2021)	Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	34	3	4	7	8
Jacob Moverare	27	6-3	210	Left	Ostersund, Swe.	112th overall (2016)	Los Angeles	49	1	7	8	10
Otto Salin	21	5-11	187	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	148th overall (2022)	TPS (Fin.)	56	8	20	28	14
Will Sharpe	18	6-0	195	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	216th overall (2025)	Lethbridge/Kelowna (WHL)	66	9	35	44	26
Jack Sparkes	21	6-7	227	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	180th overall (2022)	Clarkson (ECAC)	38	1	4	5	50
Jared Woolley	19	6-4	214	Left	Oshawa, Ont.	164th overall (2024)	London (OHL)	68	9	19	28	75

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Logan Brown	27	6-7	229	Left	Raleigh, N.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Syracuse (AHL)	33	11	18	29	14
Quinton Byfield	23	6-5	225	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	2nd overall (2020)	Los Angeles	81	23	31	54	46
Jan Chovan	18	6-2	185	Left	Bratislava, Svk.	184th overall (2025)	Tappara Jr. (Fin.)	39	11	12	23	6
Kenny Connors	22	6-1	199	Left	Glen Mills, Pa.	103rd overall (2022)	UMass (HE)	40	10	19	29	6
Phillip Danault	32	6-1	200	Left	Victoriaville, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Los Angeles	80	8	35	43	26
Glenn Gawdin	28	6-1	195	Right	Richmond, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Ontario (AHL)	72	26	36	62	57
Cole Guttman	26	5-9	167	Right	Northridge, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Rockford (AHL)	70	23	34	57	36
Samuel Helenius	22	6-6	201	Left	Dallas, Texas	59th overall (2021)	Los Angeles	50	4	3	7	25
Jack Hughes	21	5-11	170	Left	Westwood, Mass.	51st overall (2022)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	7	18	25	22
Anze Kopitar	38	6-3	225	Left	Jesenice, Slo.	11th overall (2005)	Los Angeles	81	21	46	67	4
Kaleb Lawrence	22	6-7	230	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	215th overall (2022)	Greenville (ECHL)	27	7	9	16	30
Jimmy Lombardi	18	6-0	175	Left	Toronto, Ont.	125th overall (2025)	Flint (OHL)	63	13	32	45	42
Brendan McMorrow	19	6-0	173	Left	Lakeville, Minn.	196th overall (2025)	Waterloo (USHL)	58	24	18	42	4
Francesco Pinelli	22	6-0	185	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	42nd overall (2021)	Ontario (AHL)	70	15	14	29	46
Akil Thomas	25	6-0	195	Right	Toronto, Ont.	51st overall (2018)	Los Angeles	25	1	2	3	7
Alex Turcotte	24	5-11	185	Left	Elk Grove, Ill.	5th overall (2019)	Los Angeles	68	9	16	25	20

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Vojtech Cihar	18	6-0	175	Left	Chomutov, Cze.	59th overall (2025)	Karlovy Vary (Cze.)	43	4	5	9	8
Kristian Epperson	19	6-0	183	Left	Mequon, Wis.	88th overall (2025)	Saginaw (OHL)	58	27	53	80	87
Kevin Fiala	29	6-0	205	Left	St. Gallen, Sui.	Trade: Min 6/29/22	Los Angeles	81	35	25	60	38
Warren Foegele	29	6-2	204	Left	Markham, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Los Angeles	82	24	22	46	24
Andrei Kuzmenko	29	5-11	194	Right	Yakutsk, Rus.	Trade: Pit 3/7/25	Calgary/Philadelphia/Los Angeles	66	11	26	37	14
Andre Lee	25	6-5	206	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	188th overall (2019)	Ontario (AHL)	48	6	14	20	34
Jeff Malott	29	6-5	208	Left	Burlington, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Ontario (AHL)	61	23	28	51	80
Trevor Moore	30	5-11	195	Left	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Trade: Tor 2/5/20	Los Angeles	71	18	22	40	14
Bulat Shafigullin	25	6-1	165	Left	Nizhnekamsk, Rus.	82nd overall (2018)	Nizhnekamsk (KHL)	63	12	10	22	26

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Joel Armia	32	6-3	216	Right	Pori, Fin.	Trade: Wpg 6/30/18	Montreal	81	11	18	29	16
Martin Chromiak	23	6-0	187	Right	Ilava, Svk.	128th overall (2020)	Ontario (AHL)	69	18	21	39	8
Ryan Conmy	20	5-10	188	Right	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	182nd overall (2023)	New Hampshire (HE)	34	15	18	33	6
Liam Greentree	19	6-2	207	Left	Oshawa, Ont.	26th overall (2024)	Windsor (OHL)	64	49	70	119	59
Aatu Jamsen	23	6-1	154	Left	Lahti, Fin.	190th overall (2020)	Ontario (AHL)	36	7	4	11	15
Adrian Kempe	29	6-2	200	Left	Kramfors, Swe.	29th overall (2014)	Los Angeles	81	35	38	73	36
Alex Laferriere	23	6-1	205	Right	Chatham, N.J.	83rd overall (2020)	Los Angeles	77	19	23	42	20
Corey Perry	40	6-3	208	Right	Peterborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Edmonton	81	19	11	30	61
James Reeder	19	5-10	168	Right	Glenview, Ill.	198th overall (2024)	Denver (NCHC)	44	11	10	21	2
Taylor Ward	27	6-2	207	Right	Kelowna, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/19/22	Ontario (AHL)	66	12	15	27	61
Jared Wright	22	6-1	178	Right	Burnsville, Minn.	169th overall (2022)	Denver (NCHC)	44	9	8	17	6
Koehn Ziemmer	20	6-0	202	Right	Mayerthorpe, Alta.	78th overall (2023)	Prince George (WHL)	61	37	34	71	44

Minnesota WILD

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
45-30-7 (.591)

OVERTIME
9-4

SHOOTOUT
3-3

OVERALL
13th

OFFENSE
2.74 GPG (25th)

DEFENSE
2.88 GAA (16th)

POWER PLAY
20.9% (20th)

PENALTY KILL
72.4% (30th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.25 (29th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.31 (4th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
K. Kaprizov (22:28)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
B. Faber (25:32)

Fast FACTS

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Jared Spurgeon

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BY SARAH MCLELLAN

THE OPPORTUNITY THE WILD have been waiting for has finally arrived. After being strapped financially while paying as much as nearly $15 million for the Zach Parise and Ryan Suter buyouts from 2021, Minnesota can now spend lavishly due to the cost of the buyouts declining and the salary cap rising.

But the makeover the team was expected to pursue after another first-round playoff exit turned into mostly cosmetic changes. With a limited free-agent pool, the Wild decided to hold off on a shopping spree. They addressed their roster needs, bringing in a pair of experienced forwards while tweaking their organizational depth, and then cashed out. This gives Minnesota the flexibility to be bold in the trade market, and the Wild are hopeful that a chance to make a blockbuster deal will come along.

>OFFENSE

Kirill Kaprizov was the MVP front-runner through the first half of last season, with the star winger leading Minnesota's impressive start, which had them sitting atop the NHL standings into December. But an injury and subsequent surgery sidelined Kaprizov until just before the playoffs, and while Matt Boldy, Marco Rossi and Mats Zuccarello were still consistent producers, the Wild weren't as dangerous without their best player. They traded for Vladimir Tarasenko in June, believing the longtime scorer is ready for a fresh start, and Nico Sturm is back for

FILIP GUSTAVSSON

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a second stint after breaking into the NHL with the team. What do both players have in common? They've both won two Stanley Cups, a pedigree that's appealing to the Wild.

>DEFENSE

Not much is different on defense, but it will feel like a new crew if the Wild are healthy. Injuries ravaged the blueline, and that made it tougher for the team to preserve the stingy style that was key to the early success. Still, Minnesota is trending younger. Zeev Buium, 19, made his NHL debut in the playoffs against the Golden Knights and previewed the instincts that helped him become a national champion at the University of Denver and two-time gold-medal winner for Team USA at the World Junior Championship. David Jiricek, standing at 6-foot-4 with offensive upside, is also primed for more minutes. The Wild traded multiple picks last November to acquire the 21-year-old, drafted sixth overall in 2022.

>GOALTENDING

Filip Gustavsson remains the Wild's starter after a bounce-back season, but he'll work alongside a rookie backup in 22-year-old Jesper Wallstedt. After more than 1,000 games, three Stanley Cups and a Vezina Trophy, Marc-Andre Fleury retired as the second-winningest goaltender in NHL history and a lock for the Hall of Fame. Fleury and his family are remaining in Minnesota, and the Wild plan to keep him involved in the organization.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Like in past seasons, the penalty kill struggled and remained one of the NHL's worst units. The power play wasn't as troubling and will become more dynamic with Buium quarterbacking, a job he assumed during his abbreviated run in the playoffs after turning pro. As for fixing the penalty kill, Sturm will help. The center has played in multiple setups, including with two recent Stanley Cup champions in Colorado (2022) and Florida (2025). Where Sturm will really come in handy is on faceoffs, which have been an issue for the Wild in all game situations.

>INTANGIBLES

Kaprizov emerging as an MVP favorite before getting hurt only reinforced how important he is to Minnesota. His scoring pace, a whopping 25 goals in 41 games, could have culminated in the first 50-goal season in Wild history. Around Kaprizov, who is in his prime at 28, is a core that's been in place for years, but Minnesota is also set to get a jolt from its young cadre of talent.

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>ROOKIES

Even with most of the roster returning, the Wild are on the cusp of a youth movement. Aside from Buium, Jiricek and returning winger Liam Ohgren, Minnesota will have 2022 first-rounder Danila Yurov vying for a regular role up the middle. Yurov, 21, won a KHL championship in 2024.

>X-FACTOR

Before losing Kaprizov and others to injury, the Wild were contending for first place in the NHL by prioritizing defense and being opportunistic on offense. To play that way again, they need to have everyone available to suit up. Staying healthy is the catalyst that can help them improve.

>THE BRASS

Had Minnesota remained a top-five team, John Hynes surely would have been in consideration for the Jack Adams Award. The Wild still advancing to the playoffs despite their injury issues was indicative of Hynes' leadership in his first full season behind the bench. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Kirill Kaprizov	1. Joel Eriksson Ek	1. Mats Zuccarello
2. Matt Boldy	2. Marco Rossi	2. Vladimir Tarasenko
3. Marcus Foligno	3. Ryan Hartman	3. Yakov Trenin
4. Marcus Johansson	4. Nico Sturm	4. Vinnie Hinostroza
5. Liam Ohgren	5. Danila Yurov	5. Nicolas Aube-Kubel

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Brock Faber	6. David Jiricek	1. Filip Gustavsson
2. Jonas Brodin +	7. Zach Bogosian	2. Jesper Wallstedt
3. Jake Middleton	8. Ben Gleason	3. Cal Petersen
4. Jared Spurgeon	9. Matt Kiersted	+ INJURED
5. Zeev Buium	10. Carson Lambos	■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Frederick Gaudreau, C; Marc-Andre Fleury, G; Declan Chisholm, D; Gustav Nyquist, RW; Jon Merrill, D; Devin Shore, C; Brendan Gaunce, C; Justin Brazeau, RW

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Zeev Buium
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Denver (NCHC)
Elite offensive tools will punch his ticket to the NHL. He was solid for Team USA at World Championship.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. David Jiricek
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Iowa (AHL)
Broad skill set on display in NHL stint. Fine-tuning own-zone play will elevate overall game.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Jesper Wallstedt
Pos G **Age** 22
2024-25 Iowa (AHL)
Didn't shine statistically last season, but no major concern yet. Technically gifted and great size.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Danila Yurov
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Magnitogorsk (KHL)
Minor statistical regression after off-season surgery. Speedy, smart and plays with plenty of fire.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

5. Liam Ohgren
Pos LW **Age** 21
2024-25 Iowa (AHL)
Perhaps saw more NHL action than anticipated. Quickness and skill made him dominant AHL rookie.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

6. Charlie Stramel
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Michigan State (Big Ten)
Made most of bigger opportunity at MSU. Learning to use 6-foot-3 frame to greater effectiveness.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Riley Heidt
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Prince George (WHL)
Offensive dip, but his greatest quality is tenacity. He's a heat-seeking missile on the forecheck.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

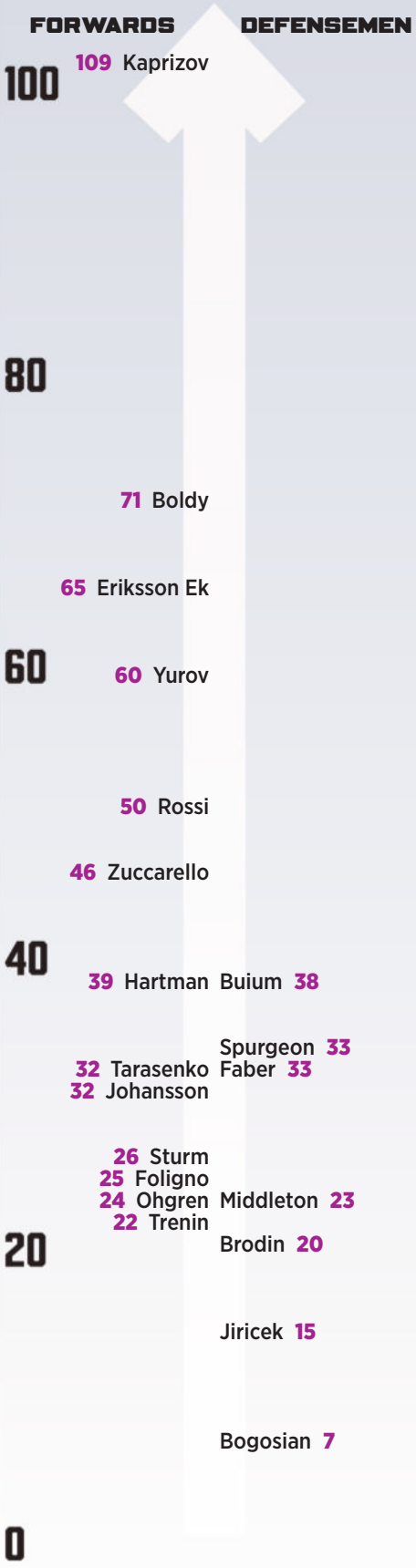
8. Ryder Ritchie
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
A goal-scorer's release: quick and accurate. Will get chance to round out game at Boston University.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Theodor Hallquisth
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Orebro Jr. (Swe.)
Smooth skater who plays a responsible and understated game. Thrives on doing small things well.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Carson Lambos
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Iowa (AHL)
Produced in WHL, but his best attribute has been his willingness to do defensive dirty work in AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS



SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Columbus	8:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Los Angeles	8:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Dallas	9:30 PM
Fri, Oct 17	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 22	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Utah	6:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs San Jose	6:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Pittsburgh	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 7	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs San Jose	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Anaheim	6:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	vs Vegas	6:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	vs Carolina	9:30 PM
Fri, Nov 21	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ Winnipeg	4:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Colorado	3:30 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Buffalo	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Ottawa	2:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Boston	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Washington	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Edmonton	3:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Colorado	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	@ Anaheim	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Mon, Jan 5	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs NY Islanders	8:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs New Jersey	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Buffalo	12:30 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Toronto	7:30 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Detroit	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Florida	9:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Montreal	7:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs St. Louis	6:30 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Tampa Bay	9:30 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Colorado	2:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Utah	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Philadelphia	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs NY Rangers	6:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	vs Toronto	7:30 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Dallas	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Boston	5:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Vancouver	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Ottawa	1:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Detroit	1:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Seattle	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Nashville	5:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Anaheim	8:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Minnesota WILD

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Filip Gustavsson	27	6-2	184	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	Trade: Ott 7/12/22	Minnesota	58	31-19-6	2.56	.914
Samuel Hlavaj	24	6-4	218	Left	Martin, Svk.	Free Agent: signed 4/5/24	Iowa (AHL)	36	14-14-4	2.85	.904
Riley Mercer	21	6-1	200	Left	Bay Roberts, Nfld.	Free Agent: signed 4/25/25	Drummondville (QMJHL)	46	27-15-4	2.53	.925
Cal Petersen	30	6-2	185	Right	Waterloo, Iowa	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	31	13-15-3	3.14	.885
Jesper Wallstedt	22	6-3	214	Left	Vasteras, Swe.	20th overall (2021)	Iowa (AHL)	27	9-14-5	3.59	.879
Chase Wutzke	19	6-2	158	Left	Debden, Sask.	142nd overall (2024)	Red Deer (WHL)	50	17-25-5	3.38	.895

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nate Benoit	22	6-0	168	Left	Concord, N.H.	182nd overall (2021)	Quinnipiac (ECAC)	24	0	2	2	4
Zach Bogosian	35	6-3	231	Right	Massena, N.Y.	Trade: TB 11/8/23	Minnesota	81	4	12	16	43
Jonas Brodin	32	6-2	196	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	10th overall (2011)	Minnesota	50	4	16	20	18
Zeev Buium	19	6-0	183	Left	San Diego, Calif.	12th overall (2024)	Denver (NCHC)	41	13	35	48	44
Brock Faber	23	6-1	200	Right	Maple Grove, Minn.	Trade: LA 6/29/22	Minnesota	78	10	19	29	23
Ben Gleason	27	6-1	190	Left	Ortonville, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Bakersfield/Lehigh Valley (AHL)	36	3	15	18	16
Theodor Hallquisth	18	6-2	172	Right	Taby, Swe.	52nd overall (2025)	Orebro Jr. (Swe.)	41	5	17	22	48
Ryan Healey	21	6-0	172	Right	Chicago, Ill.	121st overall (2022)	Harvard (ECAC)	33	4	9	13	12
David Jiricek	21	6-4	204	Right	Klatovy, Cze.	Trade: Clb 11/30/24	Cleveland/Iowa (AHL)	31	2	8	10	17
Matt Kiersted	27	6-0	182	Left	Elk River, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Charlotte (AHL)	64	1	28	29	40
Justin Kipkie	20	6-3	195	Left	North Vancouver, B.C.	141st overall (2025)	Victoria (WHL)	64	12	50	62	46
Aron Kiviharju	19	5-9	170	Left	Esbjerg, Den.	122nd overall (2024)	HIFK (Fin.)	52	4	12	16	12
Carson Lambos	22	6-1	197	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	26th overall (2021)	Iowa (AHL)	68	5	14	19	43
Stevie Leskovar	21	6-3	207	Left	Cambridge, Ont.	174th overall (2024)	Brampton (OHL)	35	1	5	6	76
Kyle Masters	22	6-0	177	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	118th overall (2021)	Iowa (ECHL)	27	5	8	13	8
Jake Middleton	29	6-3	219	Left	Wainwright, Alta.	Trade: SJ 3/21/22	Minnesota	67	8	13	21	40
Jack Peart	22	5-11	186	Left	Grand Rapids, Minn.	54th overall (2021)	Iowa (AHL)	53	1	6	7	31
Aaron Pionk	22	6-1	170	Left	Hermantown, Minn.	149th overall (2023)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	36	3	23	26	12
Sebastian Soini	19	6-2	183	Right	Tampere Fin.	140th overall (2024)	Ilves (Fin.)	9	1	0	1	4
David Spacek	22	6-0	174	Right	Columbus, Ohio	153rd overall (2022)	Iowa (AHL)	72	4	27	31	31
Jared Spurgeon	35	5-9	166	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 9/23/10	Minnesota	66	7	25	32	1

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Caedan Bankier	22	6-2	192	Left	White Rock, B.C.	86th overall (2021)	Iowa (AHL)	68	12	14	26	39
Adam Benak	18	5-7	164	Left	Znojmo, Cze.	102nd overall (2025)	Youngstown (USHL)	56	17	42	59	36
Joel Eriksson Ek	28	6-3	207	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	20th overall (2015)	Minnesota	46	14	15	29	22
Matvey Guskov	24	6-2	182	Left	Nizhnekamsk, Rus.	149th overall (2019)	Ufa/Dyn. Moscow/Chel. (KHL)	38	1	3	4	10
Hunter Haight	21	5-10	173	Right	Strathroy, Ont.	47th overall (2022)	Iowa (AHL)	67	20	14	34	30
Riley Heidt	20	5-10	178	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	64th overall (2023)	Prince George (WHL)	60	31	59	90	39
Vinnie Hinostroza	31	5-10	183	Right	Chicago, Ill.	Waivers: Nsh 2/5/25	Nashville/Minnesota	38	5	5	10	10
Ben Jones	26	6-0	187	Left	Waterloo, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Iowa (AHL)	49	13	23	36	30
Carter Klippenstein	18	6-3	180	Left	Lethbridge, Alta.	123rd overall (2025)	Brandon (WHL)	58	14	14	28	50
Rasmus Kumpulainen	20	6-2	191	Left	Lahti, Fin.	53rd overall (2023)	Pelicans (Fin.)	48	8	8	16	18
Tyler Pitlick	33	6-2	199	Right	Minneapolis, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Providence (AHL)	59	21	25	46	34
Marco Rossi	24	5-9	182	Left	Feldkirch, Aut.	9th overall (2020)	Minnesota	82	24	36	60	26
Charlie Stramel	20	6-3	212	Right	St. Paul, Minn.	21st overall (2023)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	9	18	27	26
Nico Sturm	30	6-3	209	Left	Augsburg, Ger.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Jose/Florida	62	7	7	14	20
Yakov Trenin	28	6-2	201	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Minnesota	76	7	8	15	54

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Matt Boldy	24	6-2	201	Left	Milford, Mass.	12th overall (2019)	Minnesota	82	27	46	73	51
James Clark	21	6-0	179	Left	Edina, Minn.	213th overall (2023)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	39	5	17	22	0
Marcus Foligno	34	6-3	226	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	Trade: Buf 6/30/17	Minnesota	77	14	15	29	75
Marcus Johansson	34	6-1	203	Left	Landskrona, Swe.	Trade: Wsh 2/28/23	Minnesota	72	11	23	34	12
Kirill Kaprizov	28	5-10	202	Left	Novokuznetsk, Rus.	135th overall (2015)	Minnesota	41	25	31	56	16
Rieger Lorenz	21	6-3	205	Left	Calgary, Alta.	56th overall (2022)	Denver (NCHC)	44	6	14	20	18
Bradley Marek	24	6-3	212	Left	Big Rapids, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Iowa (AHL)	50	8	5	13	67
Michael Milne	23	5-11	185	Left	Abbotsford, B.C.	89th overall (2022)	Iowa (AHL)	60	15	11	26	44
Liam Ohgren	21	6-0	187	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	19th overall (2022)	Iowa (AHL)	41	19	18	37	10

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Lirim Amidovski	18	6-1	180	Right	Toronto, Ont.	121st overall (2025)	North Bay (OHL)	67	19	13	32	38
Nicolas Aube-Kubel	29	6-0	213	Right	Slave Lake, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Buffalo/NY Rangers	22	1	1	2	19
Cameron Butler	23	6-4	215	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Trade: Clb 6/26/25	Cleveland (AHL)	37	2	1	3	74
Ryan Hartman	31	6-0	197	Right	Hilton Head Island, S.C.	Trade: Dal 6/24/19	Minnesota	69	11	15	26	75
Ryder Ritchie	19	6-0	175	Right	Calgary, Alta.	45th overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	53	29	32	61	23
Vladimir Tarasenko	33	6-1	219	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	Trade: Det 6/30/25	Detroit	80	11	22	33	6
Danila Yurov	21	6-1	178	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	24th overall (2022)	Magnitogorsk (KHL)	46	13	12	25	10
Mats Zuccarello	38	5-8	181	Left	Oslo, Nor.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	Minnesota	69	19	35	54	22

Montreal CANADIENS

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40-31-11 (.555)

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8-7

SHOOTOUT
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EXPECTED GA/60
2.87 (31st)

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N. Suzuki (20:04)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
M. Matheson (25:05)

Fast FACTS

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Nick Suzuki

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21,105

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Laval Rocket

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BY STU COWAN

THE CANADIENS SURPASSED management's goal last season of being "in the mix" for a playoff spot in Year 3 of the rebuilding plan, becoming the playoffs' youngest team before losing to the Washington Capitals in the first round.

The Canadiens became even younger with the retirement of 34-year-old defenseman David Savard, who was replaced by 25-year-old Noah Dobson (acquired in a trade with the New York Islanders for a pair of first-round picks and Emil Heineman). To replace Heineman, the Canadiens acquired 22-year-old winger Zack Bolduc from St. Louis in exchange for Logan Mailloux. The Habs also signed 25-year-old center Joe Veleno. Jeff Gorton, the executive VP of hockey operations, said it wouldn't be a disappointment if the Canadiens failed to make the playoffs this season as they stick to their long-term plan of building a team that will be a Stanley Cup contender for years to come.

>OFFENSE

Captain Nick Suzuki is coming off a career-best season with 30 goals and 89 points to rank sixth among NHL centers in scoring, while Cole Caufield scored a career-high 37 goals to lead the Canadiens in that category. On defense, Lane Hutson won the Calder Trophy after posting 66 points and tying Larry Murphy's single-season NHL record for most assists by a rookie defenseman (60). Dobson will add offense to the blueline, but the offense up front drops off dramatically after the first line of Suzuki

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COLE CAUFIELD

between Caufield and Juraj Slafkovsky. The Habs will get a boost from having rookie Ivan Demidov for a full season, along with the addition of Bolduc.

>DEFENSE

Dobson replacing Savard is a huge upgrade on the blueline, and he will help cut down the ice time Mike Matheson (25:05) and Hutson (22:44) logged last season. Matheson, 31, ranked seventh in the NHL in ice time last season. Dobson and Kaiden Guhle will likely be the first pairing, with Matheson and Hutson – both left-hand shots – as the second duo. Alexandre Carrier will likely play with Arber Xhekaj or Jayden Struble. David Reinbacher – a right-hand shot taken with the fifth-overall pick in 2023 – is waiting in the wings after missing most of last season with a knee injury. The Canadiens have good depth on the blueline, along with defensemen who can move the puck.

>GOALTENDING

Sam Montembeault proved last season he can be a reliable No. 1 goalie, playing in a career-high 62 games (21 more than the previous season) while posting a 2.82 goals-against average and a .902 save percentage. Jakub Dobes still has to prove he can be a reliable big-league backup for a full season, but he was impressive in 16 games after replacing Cayden Primeau and posting a 2.74 GAA and a .909 SP.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Canadiens ranked 21st in the NHL on the power play but should be much better with the addition of Dobson and having Demidov for a full season. Despite missing 30 games, Patrik Laine scored 20 goals last season, 15 of which were on the power play. Penalty killing was a strength last season, ranking ninth in the NHL. But three key members of the Habs' PK units are gone, with Savard's retirement and with Christian Dvorak (Philadelphia) and Joel Armia (Los Angeles) leaving as free agents.

>INTANGIBLES

Suzuki, who became the youngest captain in franchise history three years ago at 23, continues to grow into his leadership role both on and off the ice. This young group loves playing for coach Martin St-Louis, buying into his concepts and fast-paced offensive style of play. Management has worked hard on building a good team culture during this rebuild with a core group of players in their early 20s.

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>ROOKIES

Last season, Hutson became the first Canadien to win the Calder Trophy since goalie Ken Dryden did so in 1972. Demidov has a legitimate shot to win the award this season after being named the 2024-25 KHL rookie of the year after posting 19 goals and 49 points in 65 games with SKA St. Petersburg.

>X-FACTOR

Kirby Dach has played only 59 games over the past two seasons, during which time he has had two operations on his right knee. The Canadiens had hoped he could become their second-line center. Now, he's heading into the final year of his contract with a lot of question marks.

>THE BRASS

Team owner/president Geoff Molson, Gorton and GM Kent Hughes have remained on the same page since this rebuild began. While they'd love to make the playoffs again, they are committed to the long-term plan, and the Canadiens won't sacrifice future assets. The question is how much longer will Canadiens fans remain patient after getting a taste of the playoffs again? H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Juraj Slafkovsky	1. Nick Suzuki	1. Cole Caufield
2. Patrik Laine	2. Kirby Dach	2. Ivan Demidov
3. Zack Bolduc	3. Alex Newhook	3. Josh Anderson
4. Brendan Gallagher	4. Jake Evans	4. Joe Veleno
5. Florian Xhekaj	5. Owen Beck	5. Oliver Kapanen

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Noah Dobson	6. Arber Xhekaj	1. Sam Montembeault
2. Kaiden Guhle	7. Jayden Struble	2. Jakub Dobes
3. Lane Hutson	8. David Reinbacher	3. Jacob Fowler
4. Mike Matheson	9. Adam Engstrom	
5. Alexandre Carrier	10. William Trudeau	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Christian Dvorak, LW; Joel Armia, RW; Emil Heineman, LW; David Savard, D; Logan Mailloux, D; Michael Pezzetta, LW

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Ivan Demidov
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Standout KHL scorer impressed in brief NHL stint. He's magic with the puck. A true playmaker.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. David Reinbacher
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Good first pass and instincts, but D-zone play is his great strength. Development slowed by injury.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

3. Michael Hage
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Michigan (Big Ten)
Attacks space and has the skill to undress defenders. Point-per-gamer as NCAA freshman.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

4. Jacob Fowler
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
Named best goalie in NCAA. Darts around his crease and never quits on a play. AHL duty is next step.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. Owen Beck
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Game is predicated on turning great stick and defensive positioning into attacking opportunities.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Alexander Zharovsky
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Ufa Jr. (Rus.)
Best rookie in Russia's top junior circuit dazzled with puck play and vision. Exciting skill set.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

7. Adam Engstrom
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Positionally sound defender adept at finding outlet pass and joining the rush. High floor.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Jakub Dobes
Pos G **Age** 24
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Inspiring performance in 16 big-league games. Habs will be patient with his development.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

9. Joshua Roy
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Another strong AHL season, but he must add a dash of grit or guile to carve out spot in NHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Oliver Kapanen
Pos C **Age** 22
2024-25 Timra (Swe.)
Promising year after loan to Sweden has him ready for AHL at very least. More smarts than raw skill.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
	90 Suzuki	
80		
	78 Caufield	
60	60 Slafkovsky	Hutson 59
	58 Demidov	
	45 Laine	Dobson 45
40		
	38 Bolduc	
	38 Dach	
	35 Evans	
	32 Newhook	Matheson 31
	30 Anderson	
	29 Gallagher	
	23 Kapanen	
		Guhle 22
20		
		Carrier 18
		Struble 14
		Xhekaj 10
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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	vs Buffalo	7:30 PM
Wed, Oct 22	@ Calgary	8:30 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Vancouver	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Seattle	10:30 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Columbus	7:30 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Utah	9:30 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Vegas	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Colorado	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 3	vs Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ St. Louis	4:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	@ Dallas	2:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	vs Calgary	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	vs Vancouver	7:30 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Minnesota	7:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Anaheim	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 11	@ Ottawa	7:30 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Nashville	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	@ Carolina	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	@ NY Islanders	6:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Montreal CANADIENS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Alexis Cournoyer	19	6-3	195	Left	Trois-Rivieres, Que.	145th overall (2025)	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	21	13-6-1	1.82	.942
Emmett Croteau	21	6-3	220	Left	Bonnyville, Alta.	162nd overall (2022)	Dartmouth (ECAC)	18	13-4-0	2.10	.903
Jakub Dobes	24	6-4	215	Left	Ostrava, Cze.	136th overall (2020)	Montreal	16	7-4-3	2.74	.909
Jacob Fowler	20	6-1	223	Left	Melbourne, Fla.	69th overall (2023)	Boston College (HE)	35	25-7-2	1.63	.940
Kaapo Kahkonen	29	6-2	217	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Charlotte/Manitoba/Colo. (AHL)	36	14-20-2	2.91	.894
Quentin Miller	20	6-3	190	Left	Montreal, Que.	128th overall (2023)	Chilliwack (BCHL)	10	8-2-0	2.29	.923
Sam Montembeault	28	6-3	218	Left	Becancour, Que.	Waivers: Fla 10/2/21	Montreal	62	31-24-7	2.82	.902
Carey Price	38	6-3	217	Left	Anahim Lake, B.C.	5th overall (2005)	Montreal		DNP		
Arseni Radkov	18	6-4	194	Left	Mogilev, Blr.	82nd overall (2025)	Tyumen Jr. (Rus.)	19	4-8-3	3.18	.918
Mikus Vecvanags	19	6-3	159	Left	Riga, Lat.	134th overall (2024)	Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)	9	1-4-0	4.38	.867
Yevgeni Volokhin	20	6-0	159	Left	Khanty-Mansiysk, Rus.	144th overall (2023)	Sochi (KHL)	28	4-17-1	3.48	.901

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Rasmus Bergqvist	20	6-2	181	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	224th overall (2024)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	25	0	1	1	25
Alexandre Carrier	28	5-11	174	Right	Quebec City, Que.	Trade: Nsh 12/18/24	Nashville/Montreal	79	3	22	25	40
Nathan Clurman	27	6-2	193	Right	Boulder, Colo.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	31	2	9	11	20
Marc Del Gaizo	25	5-11	188	Left	Basking Ridge, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Nashville	46	2	7	9	21
Noah Dobson	25	6-4	200	Right	Summerside, P.E.I.	Trade: NYI 6/27/25	NY Islanders	71	10	29	39	28
Adam Engstrom	21	6-2	193	Left	Jarna, Swe.	92nd overall (2022)	Laval (AHL)	66	5	22	27	40
Kaiden Guhle	23	6-3	202	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	16th overall (2020)	Montreal	55	6	12	18	47
Carlos Handel	18	6-1	172	Right	Erlangen, Ger.	177th overall (2025)	Halifax (QMJHL)	52	3	23	26	20
Lane Hutson	21	5-9	162	Left	Holland, Mich.	62nd overall (2022)	Montreal	82	6	60	66	34
Bogdan Konyushkov	22	5-11	176	Right	Penza, Rus.	110th overall (2023)	Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	67	3	14	17	6
Dmitri Kostenko	23	6-1	187	Right	Togliatti, Rus.	87th overall (2021)	Voskresensk (Rus.2)	27	4	7	11	21
Andrew MacNiel	18	6-2	196	Right	Cobourg, Ont.	189th overall (2025)	Kitchener (OHL)	33	0	3	3	25
Mike Matheson	31	6-2	196	Left	Pointe-Claire, Que	Trade: Pit 7/16/22	Montreal	80	6	25	31	51
Luke Mittelstadt	22	5-11	178	Left	Eden Prairie, Minn.	197th overall (2023)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	40	2	16	18	8
Bryce Pickford	19	6-0	190	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	81st overall (2025)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	48	20	27	47	65
Owen Protz	19	6-1	213	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	102nd overall (2024)	Brantford (OHL)	67	5	27	32	57
David Reinbacher	20	6-3	207	Right	Hohenems, Aut.	5th overall (2023)	Laval (AHL)	10	2	3	5	10
Daniil Sobolev	22	6-0	208	Right	St. Petersburg, Rus.	142nd overall (2021)	Voskresensk (Rus.2)	55	3	10	13	10
Jayden Struble	24	6-0	207	Left	Cumberland, R.I.	46th overall (2019)	Montreal	56	2	11	13	52
William Trudeau	22	6-1	205	Left	Varennes, Que.	113th overall (2021)	Laval (AHL)	68	5	14	19	54
Maxon Vig	19	6-2	212	Left	Bismarck, N.D.	209th overall (2025)	Cedar Rapids (USHL)	62	10	22	32	85
Arber Xhekaj	24	6-4	240	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/4/21	Montreal	70	1	5	6	118

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Owen Beck	21	6-0	199	Right	Peterborough, Ont.	33rd overall (2022)	Laval (AHL)	64	15	29	44	49
Zack Bolduc	22	6-0	187	Left	Trois-Rivieres, Que.	Trade: StL 7/1/25	St. Louis	72	19	17	36	37
Lucas Condotta	28	6-1	218	Left	Georgetown, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/31/22	Laval (AHL)	63	5	26	31	77
Kirby Dach	24	6-4	221	Right	Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.	Trade: Chi 7/7/22	Montreal	57	10	12	22	40
Jared Davidson	23	5-11	183	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	130th overall (2022)	Laval (AHL)	69	24	21	45	48
Filip Eriksson	20	5-11	179	Left	Ljungby, Swe.	165th overall (2023)	Vaxjo (Swe.)	37	2	4	6	8
Jake Evans	29	6-0	190	Right	Toronto, Ont.	207th overall (2014)	Montreal	82	13	23	36	10
Sean Farrell	23	5-9	182	Left	Milford, Mass.	124th overall (2020)	Laval (AHL)	67	20	24	44	10
Michael Hage	19	6-1	187	Right	Oakville, Ont.	21st overall (2024)	Michigan (Big Ten)	33	13	21	34	23
Oliver Kapanen	22	6-2	194	Right	Timra, Swe.	64th overall (2021)	Timra (Swe.)	36	15	20	35	12
Riley Kidney	22	5-11	190	Left	Halifax, N.S.	63rd overall (2021)	Laval (AHL)	56	4	12	16	34
Aatos Koivu	19	6-1	170	Right	Turku, Fin.	70th overall (2024)	TPS (Fin.)	32	1	7	8	10
Ben Merrill	19	6-3	190	Right	Hingham, Mass.	166th overall (2024)	Penticton (BCHL)	50	15	8	23	20
John Mooney	18	5-7	160	Right	Pittsburgh, Pa.	113th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	51	10	41	51	25
Alex Newhook	24	5-11	200	Left	St. John's, Nfld.	Trade: Col 6/27/23	Montreal	82	15	11	26	24
Hayden Paupanekis	18	6-4	196	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	69th overall (2025)	Spokane/Kelowna (WHL)	71	22	21	43	57
Vinzenz Rohrer	21	5-11	173	Right	Rankweil, Aut.	75th overall (2022)	Zurich (Sui.)	52	15	10	25	14
Logan Sawyer	19	6-1	173	Left	Orangeville, Ont.	78th overall (2024)	Providence (HE)	37	6	10	16	10
Ty Smilanic	23	6-0	171	Left	Elizabeth, Colo.	Trade: Fla 3/16/22	Trois-Rivieres (ECHL)	31	1	6	7	16
Jack Smith	23	6-0	185	Left	St. Cloud, Minn.	102nd overall (2020)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	33	4	5	9	23
Nick Suzuki	26	5-11	207	Right	London, Ont.	Trade: Veg 9/10/18	Montreal	82	30	59	89	8
Joe Veleno	25	6-1	201	Left	Montreal, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/16/25	Detroit/Chicago	74	8	9	17	17

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Sammy Blais	29	6-2	206	Left	Montmagny, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Abbotsford (AHL)	51	14	26	40	44
Sam Harris	21	5-11	180	Left	Carlsbad, Calif.	133rd overall (2023)	Denver (NCHC)	43	23	12	35	42
Patrik Laine	27	6-4	208	Right	Tampere, Fin.	Trade: CLB 8/19/24	Montreal	52	20	13	33	14
Juraj Slafkovsky	21	6-3	225	Left	Kosice, Svk.	1st overall (2022)	Montreal	79	18	33	51	45
Luke Tuch	23	6-3	215	Left	Syracuse, N.Y.	47th overall (2020)	Laval (AHL)	44	6	8	14	40
Florian Xhekaj	21	6-3	195	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	101st overall (2023)	Laval (AHL)	69	24	11	35	175

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Josh Anderson	31	6-3	226	Right	Burlington, Ont.	Trade: Clb 10/6/20	Montreal	81	15	12	27	90
Alex Belzile	34	6-0	198	Right	Riviere-du-Loup, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Hartford (AHL)	66	19	37	56	119
Cole Caufield	24	5-8	175	Right	Mosinee, Wis.	15th overall (2019)	Montreal	82	37	33	70	14
Ivan Demidov	19	6-1	192	Left	Sergiyev Posad, Rus.	5th overall (2024)	St. Petersburg (KHL)	65	19	30	49	22
Brendan Gallagher	33	5-9	185	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	147th overall (2010)	Montreal	82	21	17	38	39
Alexander Gordin	24	6-1	194	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	171st overall (2020)	Verkhnyaya Pyshma (Rus.2)	41	15	14	29	12
Makar Khanin	20	6-0	161	Right	Salavat, Rus.	210th overall (2024)	Dynamo Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	34	10	9	19	10
Filip Mesar	21	5-10	184	Right	Kezmarok, Svk.	26th overall (2022)	Laval (AHL)	42	4	14	18	18
Joshua Roy	22	6-0	192	Left	St-Georges-De-Beauce, Que.	150th overall (2021)	Laval (AHL)	47	20	15	35	10
Tyler Thorpe	20	6-5	210	Right	Richmond, B.C.	130th overall (2024)	Vancouver (WHL)	68	27	25	52	69
Alexander Zharovsky	18	6-1	163	Left	Klin, Rus.	34th overall (2025)	Ufa Jr. (Rus.)	45	24	26	50	30

Nashville PREDATORS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
30-44-8 (.415)

OVERTIME
4-8

SHOOTOUT
2-0

OVERALL
30th

OFFENSE
2.59 GPG (31st)

DEFENSE
3.34 GAA (27th)

POWER PLAY
21.9% (18th)

PENALTY KILL
81.5% (7th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.55 (14th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.52 (19th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
R. O'Reilly (18:59)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
R. Josi (25:02)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Andrew Brunette

GM
Barry Trotz

CAPTAIN
Roman Josi

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Bridgestone Arena

CAPACITY
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BY DAVID BOCLAIR

IN ADDITION TO TRYING TO make their way back to the playoffs, the Nashville Predators would like to bridge a generation gap this season. Their forward group includes six players who are 30 or older, including four who are at least 34. Then there are youngsters, such as 23-year-old Luke Evangelista and 22-year-olds Zachary L'Heureux and Fedor Svechkov – all fixtures on the roster last season – and a few others who will have the opportunity to make the jump from the AHL.

Coaches leaned heavily on the elders last season. That will not be the case this time, particularly with a schedule condensed by the Olympics. Everyone will need to be at their best just to be in playoff contention in the Central.

>OFFENSE

Nashville paid big free-agent money for Steven Stamkos and Jonathan Marchessault a year ago and got relatively little in return. Stamkos' 27 goals and 53 points were significant drops from his last three seasons in Tampa Bay. Marchessault's 21 goals were half the number he scored in his final season with Vegas. That, along with 18 fewer points from Filip Forsberg and 16 fewer from Ryan O'Reilly as compared to 2023-24, makes it easy to understand why Nashville finished with its fewest goals in an 82-game season since 2008-09. All four of those players are under contract for multiple seasons, and their salaries and their histories demand that they will remain the central figures on offense. Their production simply cannot stay the same.

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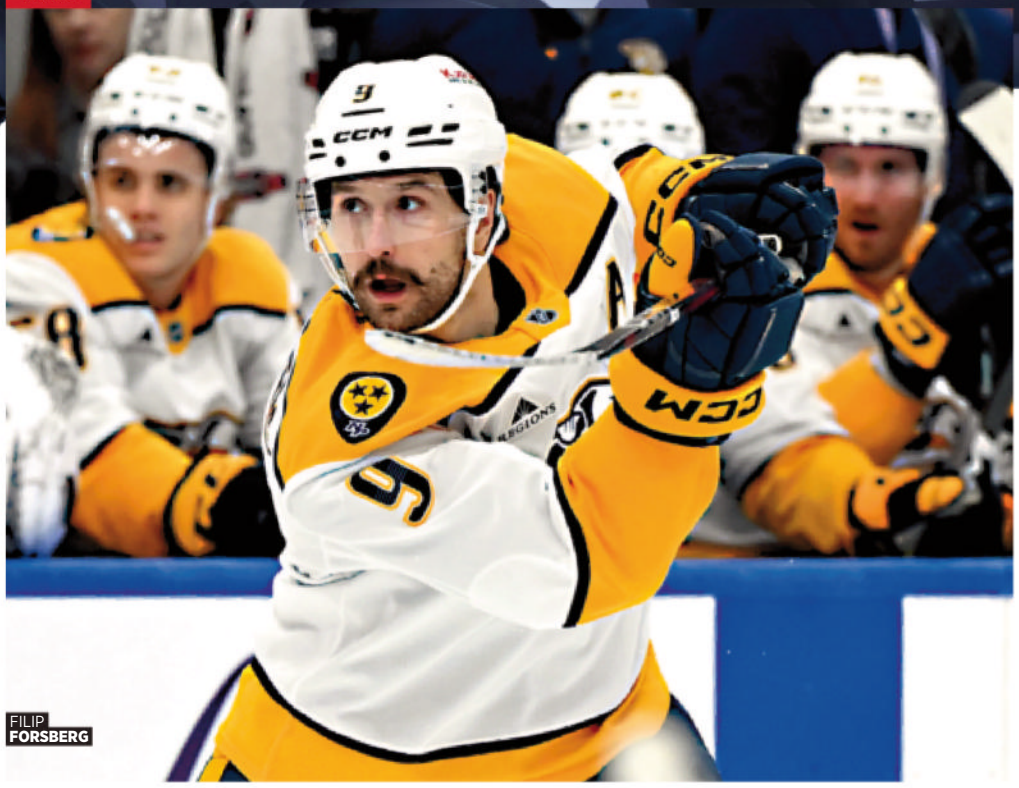

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>DEFENSE

As always, any discussion about the Predators' defense starts with Roman Josi. This time, though, it is not about whether Josi can play well enough to win the Norris Trophy, which he did five years ago. It is about whether he will be anything close to the player he has been after he developed Postural Tachycardia Syndrome after a hit that ended his season Feb. 25. The condition causes an abnormal increase in heart rate when one goes from sitting to standing or vice versa. Franchise officials have expressed confidence the 35-year-old will be ready for the start of training camp. Josi will have a revamped supporting cast after Nicolas Hague was acquired in a trade and Nick Perbix was signed as a free agent.

>GOALTENDING

Juuse Saros' goals-against average has risen each of the past three seasons, and his save percentage dropped each of the past two. That's the bad news. The good news is that last season, for the first time since he succeeded Pekka Rinne as Nashville's No. 1 netminder, he logged fewer than 60 starts and did not lead the league in games played. Justus Annunen, acquired in a trade in November, emerged as a trustworthy No. 2 who can lighten Saros' load.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Coach Andrew Brunette's primary charge when he was hired two years ago was to fix the power play, and Nashville's success rate has topped 21 percent in consecutive seasons, a franchise first. O'Reilly's 14 power-play goals in 2023-24, his first season with the Predators, matched the second-highest total in team history. Stamkos hit that same number last season. Don't expect big changes on that unit. Things will be different on the penalty kill, however, after Colton Sissons was traded away. His 1,481:41 of shorthanded ice time is 500 minutes more than any active forward in franchise history.

>INTANGIBLES

The Predators have selected nine players in the first round over the past five drafts. That is a stark contrast to their expansion days (nine from 1998 to 2007) and their run of 11 playoff appearances over 13 years (eight from 2009 to 2020). The first two, Svechkov and L'Heureux (both taken in 2021), have established themselves in the NHL. Others, such as forwards Joakim Kemell (2022) and Matthew Wood (2023) and defenseman Tanner Molendyk (2023), offer the possibility of a talent influx.

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>ROOKIES

An injury limited left winger Reid Schaefer to 19 AHL games last season and cost him the opportunity for an NHL audition when Nashville fell out of playoff contention. If he is healthy this year, he will get his chance and will add some much-needed bulk to the forward group.

>X-FACTOR

The Predators lost 37 games last season when trailing after two periods (35 in regulation). The only time they ever lost more was their expansion season of 1998-99. They must do a better job over the first 40 minutes, particularly early in the schedule, because the belief simply is not there.

>THE BRASS

Trotz elected to stick with Brunette rather than do what he called the "easy thing," which would have been to make a change. Trotz, the fourth-winningest coach in NHL history and a Stanley Cup winner with Washington, did say his third-year bench boss needs to develop, similar to a young player on the ice. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Filip Forsberg	1. Steven Stamkos	1. Jonathan Marchessault
2. Michael Bunting	2. Ryan O'Reilly	2. Luke Evangelista
3. Erik Haula	3. Fedor Svechkov	3. Cole Smith
4. Zachary L'Heureux	4. Michael McCarron	4. Matthew Wood
5. Reid Schaefer	5. David Edstrom	5. Joakim Kemell

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Roman Josi	6. Nick Blankenburg	1. Juuse Saros
2. Brady Skjei	7. Andreas Englund	2. Justus Annunen
3. Nicolas Hague	8. Jordan Oesterle	3. Matt Murray
4. Nick Perbix	9. Adam Wilsby	
5. Justin Barron	10. Tanner Molendyk	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Colton Sissons, C; Jeremy Lauzon, D; Jakub Vrana, LW; Marc Del Gaizo, D; Kieffer Bellows, LW

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Brady Martin
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
No-nonsense pivot puts on his hard hat and goes to work. He's a driver at both ends of the ice.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Tanner Molendyk
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Medicine Hat (WHL)
Put Tigers over the top in WHL and named Memorial Cup all-star. Beautiful skater and great mind.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

3. David Edstrom
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Frolunda (Swe.)
Stats don't wow, but his 200-foot game can't be quantified. Has the frame to be net-front nuisance.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Joakim Kemell
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Milwaukee (AHL)
Offensive numbers consistent but not overwhelming. He's a shooter and knows how to find soft spots.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Cameron Reid
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Kitchener (OHL)
To maximize potential, he needs to bulk up. Skills – skating, stick and passing – of a new-age 'D.'
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. Egor Surin
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Yaroslavl (KHL)
Broke through to KHL club and became integral part of grind line en route to league title.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Matthew Wood
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Minnesota (Big Ten)
Killer production after transfer to Minnesota. Pure quality to release. A physical presence, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

8. Ryker Lee
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Madison (USHL)
What he lacks in mobility, he makes up for in offensive instincts. He'll pay the price to score, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

9. Jacob Rombach
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Lincoln (USHL)
A 6-foot-6 frame is a great attribute, and he's learned to use his size. Committed to sound defense.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

10. Reid Schaefer
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25 Milwaukee (AHL)
Shoulder injury cut season short. Skilled playmaker seems set to take major step in development.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80	80 Forsberg	
60	61 Marchessault 60 O'Reilly	Josi 59
	50 Stamkos	
40	42 Evangelista 41 Bunting	Skjei 39
	34 L'Heureux 33 Svechkov	
	29 Haula	
	23 Wood	Hague 23
20		Perbix 20 Blankenburg 19
	17 McCarron	Barron 16
	15 Smith	
		Oesterle 6 Englund 6
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Columbus	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Utah	8:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Ottawa	1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Anaheim	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Vancouver	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Los Angeles	8:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Tampa Bay	7:45 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Calgary	3:30 PM
Mon, Nov 3	vs Vancouver	8:30 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Philadelphia	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Dallas	3:30 PM
Mon, Nov 10	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	vs Pittsburgh*	2:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	@ Pittsburgh*	9:00 AM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Colorado	8:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Florida	8:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Chicago	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Colorado	9:30 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Mon, Dec 15	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	vs Carolina	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Vegas	3:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Calgary	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs NY Islanders	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Edmonton	8:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs Buffalo	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Ottawa	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Utah	3:30 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs St. Louis	8:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	vs Detroit	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	vs Boston	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Buffalo	5:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Edmonton	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Seattle	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Vegas	2:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Chicago	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs San Jose	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs New Jersey	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Utah	9:00 PM
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Mon, Apr 13	vs San Jose	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	vs Anaheim	8:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Nashville PREDATORS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Justus Annunen	25	6-4	210	Left	Kempele, Fin.	Trade: Col 11/30/24	Colorado/Nashville	34	15-15-1	3.18	.883
Magnus Chrona	25	6-6	225	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Trade: SJ 8/23/24	Milwaukee (AHL)	30	12-11-5	2.80	.903
Ethan Haider	24	6-3	197	Left	St. Louis Park, Minn.	148th overall (2019)	Atlanta (ECHL)	36	18-15-2	3.17	.894
Jack Ivankovic	18	5-11	171	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	58th overall (2025)	Brampton (OHL)	43	25-12-5	3.05	.903
Jakub Milota	19	6-1	178	Left	Ostrava, Cze.	99th overall (2024)	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	38	18-13-5	3.22	.903
Matt Murray	27	6-1	196	Left	St. Albert, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Milwaukee (AHL)	43	28-10-10	2.07	.932
Juuse Saros	30	5-11	180	Left	Forssa, Fin.	99th overall (2013)	Nashville	58	20-31-6	2.98	.896

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Justin Barron	23	6-2	198	Right	Halifax, N.S.	Trade: Mtl 12/18/24	Montreal/Nashville	62	6	7	13	23
Nick Blankenburg	27	5-9	177	Right	Washington, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Nashville	60	4	12	16	24
Semyon Chystyakov	24	5-10	167	Left	Nizhny Tagil, Rus.	117th overall (2019)	Omsk (KHL)	68	19	21	40	16
Andreas Englund	29	6-4	200	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Waivers: LA 2/10/25	Los Angeles/Nashville	35	1	2	3	48
Andrew Gibson	20	6-4	211	Right	Windsor, Ont.	Trade: Det 6/25/24	Sault Ste. Marie/Oshawa (OHL)	54	9	15	24	59
Kevin Gravel	33	6-4	205	Left	Kingsford, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/14/22	Milwaukee (AHL)	61	5	15	20	29
Viggo Gustafsson	19	6-3	186	Left	Tingsryd, Swe.	77th overall (2024)	HV71/Timra (Swe.)	22	1	1	2	2
Nicolas Hague	26	6-6	245	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	Trade: Veg 6/30/25	Vegas	68	5	7	12	40
Alex Huang	18	6-0	180	Right	Montreal, Que.	122nd overall (2025)	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	64	7	33	40	16
Roman Josi	35	6-1	201	Left	Bern, Sui.	38th overall (2008)	Nashville	53	9	29	38	18
Kasper Kulonummi	21	6-1	186	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	84th overall (2022)	Kiekko-Espoo (Fin.)	47	6	11	17	22
Jack Matier	22	6-6	205	Right	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	124th overall (2021)	Milwaukee (AHL)	41	1	6	7	16
Tanner Molendyk	20	6-0	190	Left	McBride, B.C.	24th overall (2023)	Saskatoon/Medicine Hat (WHL)	49	9	38	47	18
Daniel Nieminen	19	6-0	187	Left	Lahti, Fin.	163rd overall (2025)	Pelicans (Fin.)	39	4	7	11	10
Jordan Oesterle	33	6-0	181	Left	Dearborn Heights, Mich.	Waivers: Bos 3/6/25	Boston/Nashville	37	4	6	10	4
Nick Perbix	27	6-4	206	Right	Elk River, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Tampa Bay	74	6	13	19	20
Cameron Reid	18	6-0	179	Left	St. Thomas, Ont.	21st overall (2025)	Kitchener (OHL)	67	14	40	54	44
Luke Reid	24	6-1	200	Right	Warman, Sask.	166th overall (2020)	New Hampshire (HE)	35	1	11	12	10
Jacob Rombach	18	6-7	205	Left	Blaine, Minn.	35th overall (2025)	Lincoln (USHL)	57	3	15	18	57
Brady Skjei	31	6-3	210	Left	Lakeville, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Nashville	82	10	23	33	42
Spencer Stastney	25	6-0	184	Left	Woodbridge, Ill.	131st overall (2018)	Milwaukee (AHL)	26	3	14	17	4
Ryan Ufko	22	6-0	174	Right	Smithtown, N.Y.	115th overall (2021)	Milwaukee (AHL)	72	8	22	30	14
Adam Wilsby	25	6-1	188	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	101st overall (2020)	Nashville	23	1	4	5	6

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
David Edstrom	20	6-4	193	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	Trade: SJ 8/23/24	Frolunda (Swe.)	39	7	12	19	10
Adam Ingram	21	6-3	165	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	82nd overall (2022)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	29	2	6	8	12
Jacob Lucchini	30	6-0	180	Left	Trail, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Milwaukee (AHL)	70	21	24	45	38
Brady Martin	18	6-0	185	Right	Kitchener, Ont.	5th overall (2025)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	57	33	39	72	68
Chase McLane	25	6-2	203	Right	Trenton, Mich.	209th overall (2020)	Colorado (NCHC)	33	5	5	10	26
Sutter Muzzatti	23	6-8	226	Left	Okemos, Mich.	143rd overall (2023)	RPI (ECAC)	10	2	1	3	8
Felix Nilsson	20	6-2	191	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	43rd overall (2023)	Rogle (Swe.)	40	5	17	22	4
Ryan O'Reilly	34	6-1	207	Left	Clinton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Nashville	79	21	32	53	24
Erik Pahlsson	21	6-1	179	Left	Landskrona, Swe.	213th overall (2024)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	30	3	15	18	6
Steven Stamkos	35	6-1	193	Right	Markham, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Nashville	82	27	26	53	48
Teddy Stiga	19	5-11	180	Left	Boston, Mass.	55th overall (2024)	Boston College (HE)	36	14	16	30	34
Ben Strinden	23	6-2	208	Right	Fargo, N.D.	210th overall (2022)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	8	8	16	14
Egor Surin	19	6-2	197	Left	Voronezh, Rus.	22nd overall (2024)	Yaroslavl (KHL)	41	7	7	14	18
Fedor Svechkov	22	6-0	187	Left	Togliatti, Rus.	19th overall (2021)	Nashville	52	8	9	17	14
Ozzy Wiesblatt	23	5-10	183	Right	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: SJ 6/23/24	Milwaukee (AHL)	64	15	25	40	96
Joey Willis	20	5-11	184	Left	Elmhurst, Ill.	111th overall (2023)	Saginaw/Kingston (OHL)	46	27	25	52	43

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Michael Bunting	30	6-0	186	Left	Scarborough, Ont.	Trade: Pit 3/5/25	Pittsburgh/Nashville	76	19	19	38	68
Alex Campbell	24	6-0	182	Left	Chateauguay, Que.	65th overall (2019)	Milwaukee (AHL)	18	2	4	6	0
Filip Forsberg	31	6-1	205	Right	Ostervala, Swe.	Trade: Wsh 4/3/13	Nashville	82	31	45	76	44
Erik Haula	34	5-11	191	Left	Pori, Fin.	Trade: NJ 6/18/25	New Jersey	69	11	10	21	39
Zachary L'Heureux	22	5-11	197	Left	Montreal, Que.	27th overall (2021)	Nashville	62	5	10	15	63
Kalan Lind	20	6-1	165	Left	Swift Current, Sask.	46th overall (2023)	Red Deer (WHL)	37	12	15	27	55
Navrin Mutter	24	6-3	202	Left	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/9/22	Milwaukee (AHL)	40	1	4	5	91
Viktor Norringer	19	6-3	197	Right	Lerkil, Swe.	127th overall (2024)	Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)	39	24	33	57	18
Reid Schaefer	22	6-5	226	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Trade: Edm 2/28/23	Milwaukee (AHL)	19	8	6	14	27
Cole Smith	29	6-3	195	Left	Brainerd, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 3/19/20	Nashville	71	4	8	12	69

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Luke Evangelista	23	6-0	183	Right	Toronto, Ont.	42nd overall (2020)	Nashville	68	10	22	32	22
Aiden Fink	20	5-10	164	Right	Calgary, Alta.	218th overall (2023)	Penn State (Big Ten)	40	23	30	53	12
Hiroki Gojsic	19	6-3	210	Right	Langley, B.C.	94th overall (2024)	Kelowna (WHL)	61	20	17	37	51
Joakim Kemell	21	5-11	182	Right	Jyvaskyla, Fin.	17th overall (2022)	Milwaukee (AHL)	65	19	21	40	39
Ryker Lee	18	6-0	185	Right	Chicago, Ill.	26th overall (2025)	Madison (USHL)	58	31	37	68	18
Jonathan Marchessault	34	5-9	185	Right	Cap-Rouge, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Nashville	78	21	35	56	37
Miguel Marques	19	5-11	189	Right	Prince George, B.C.	87th overall (2024)	Lethbridge (WHL)	29	14	24	38	30
Michael McCarron	30	6-6	232	Right	Grosse Pointe, Mich.	Trade: Mtl 1/7/20	Nashville	74	5	9	14	102
Cole O'Hara	23	6-0	189	Right	Richmond Hill, Ont.	114th overall (2022)	UMass (HE)	40	22	29	51	14
Austin Roest	21	5-10	181	Right	Coldstream, B.C.	175th overall (2023)	Everett (WHL)	7	3	4	7	4
Ryder Rolston	23	6-1	175	Right	Boston, Mass.	Trade: Chi 11/27/24	Rockford/Milwaukee (AHL)	63	14	18	32	12
Isak Walther	24	6-6	204	Left	Sodertalje, Swe.	179th overall (2019)	Vermont (HE)	33	6	11	17	10
Matthew Wood	20	6-4	202	Right	Nanaimo, B.C.	15th overall (2023)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	39	17	22	39	16

New Jersey DEVILS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
42-33-7 (.555)

OVERTIME
4-5

SHOOTOUT
2-2

OVERALL
16th

OFFENSE
2.93 GPG (20th)

DEFENSE
2.68 GAA (5th)

POWER PLAY
28.2% (3rd)

PENALTY KILL
82.7% (2nd)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.52 (18th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.38 (10th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
J. Hughes (20:54)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
B. Pesce (21:19)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Sheldon Keefe

GM
Tom Fitzgerald

CAPTAIN
Nico Hischier

ARENA
Prudential Center

CAPACITY
16,535

AHL AFFILIATE
Utica Comets

ECHL AFFILIATE
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BY KRISTY FLANNERY

IT WAS A DECENT year for New Jersey in Sheldon Keefe's first season behind the Devils' bench. While the primary goal of making the post-season was achieved, recurring themes included inconsistencies and an inability to win four consecutive games. After a disappointing first-round exit, changes were expected, as the roster wasn't good enough.

To address one of the team's most significant needs, GM Tom Fitzgerald signed wingers Connor Brown and Evgenii Dadonov on the opening day of free agency and re-signed Cody Glass to revamp his bottom six as Nathan Bastian, Justin Dowling, Curtis Lazar, Daniel Sprong and Tomas Tatar departed. The expectation is not for the Devils to qualify for the post-season but to put together a playoff run. With the core getting older, fans are losing patience and anxiously awaiting their team to take another noticeable step forward toward contention.

>OFFENSE

Despite a season in which Nico Hischier scored a career-high 35 goals and Jesper Bratt reached 88 points, the Devils struggled to find consistent offense. Throughout 2024-25, New Jersey was shut out nine times, primarily due to a lack of offensive depth. The club's scoring rate of 2.93 goals per game was a drop from 2023-24 (3.22). It did not help that a shoulder injury limited Jack Hughes to 62 games for a second consecutive year. Along with a healthy Hughes, the off-season additions of Brown and

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Dadonov are expected to improve scoring at 5-on-5. Another player expected to help bolster the forward group is Arseniy Gritsyuk, 24, who is transitioning his game from the KHL to the NHL.

>DEFENSE

Following the additions of Brenden Dillon, Johnathan Kovacevic and Brett Pesce last summer, it's no surprise to see the Devils' blueline untouched this off-season. Led by the shutdown pair of Kovacevic and Jonas Siegenthaler, New Jersey was one of the NHL's best defensive teams. Luke Hughes maintained his offensive production with 44 points, which led Devils defensemen, but he also took noticeable steps in his defensive game playing alongside Pesce. Re-signing the youngest Hughes brother to an extension was Fitzgerald's top priority this summer. Kovacevic will miss the beginning of the season after sustaining a knee injury in the playoffs. It will open a spot for youngsters Simon Nemec or Seamus Casey to claim when training camp begins in September.

>GOALTENDING

With Jacob Markstrom under contract for one more season, the Devils signed Jake Allen to a five-year, $9-million contract to keep their goaltending tandem intact. The veteran duo combined for eight shutouts and were one of New Jersey's biggest strengths. Youngster Nico Daws, who has appeared in 27 games for the Devils over the past two seasons, will be required to clear waivers to be assigned to the AHL.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Devils boasted the third-best power play and second-best penalty kill during the regular season, but special teams collapsed in the playoffs against the Carolina Hurricanes. In 15 power-play opportunities, New Jersey scored zero goals and gave up one shorthanded. The penalty kill dropped to 68.4 percent, conceding six goals in the five-game series. Assistant coach Jeremy Colliton will continue to work on the power play, while New Jersey hired Brad Shaw – who replaced Ryan McGill in late May – to take over the defense and PK.

>INTANGIBLES

Paul Cotter (who broke the franchise record for hits in a single season), Stefan Noesen and Dillon all bring an edge to New Jersey's lineup, but a question mark still surrounds the team's overall nastiness on the ice. The Devils require more players who thrive in the playoffs' rough-and-tumble style if they want to take another step forward and join the NHL's upper echelon.

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>ROOKIES

Besides Gritsyuk, the Devils have two additional young forwards turning pro in Lenni Hameenaho and Shane Lachance. But the latter two are expected to spend the bulk of the year developing in the AHL. On the blueline, the question is whether Nemec or Casey is prepared to make an immediate impact and take on a bigger role.

>X-FACTOR

Thanks to his skill and speed, Jack Hughes – when healthy – is a game-changer and one of the league's top players. Due to injuries, however, he has only played one full season, which was in 2020-21. A healthy Hughes would be more impactful than any summer signing.

>THE BRASS

In his first year, Keefe had the goal of establishing a foundation that would enable the team to consistently compete for the Stanley Cup. Given there was an adjustment period, his intense approach may have taken some of the players by surprise.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Ondrej Palat	1. Jack Hughes	1. Jesper Bratt
2. Timo Meier	2. Nico Hischier	2. Stefan Noesen
3. Arseniy Gritsyuk	3. Dawson Mercer	3. Connor Brown
4. Paul Cotter	4. Cody Glass	4. Evgenii Dadonov
5. Brian Halonen	5. Juho Lammikko	5. Nathan Legare

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Brett Pesce	6. Brenden Dillon	1. Jacob Markstrom
2. Luke Hughes	7. Simon Nemec	2. Jake Allen
3. Dougie Hamilton	8. Seamus Casey	3. Nico Daws
4. Johnathan Kovacevic	9. Dennis Cholowski	INJURED
5. Jonas Siegenthaler	10. Colton White	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Erik Haula, C; Tomas Tatar, LW; Nathan Bastian, RW; Justin Dowling, C; Brian Dumoulin, D; Daniel Sprong, RW; Curtis Lazar, C; Nolan Foote, LW

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Simon Nemec
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Utica (AHL)
Bump back to AHL helped. Proved he can control play, lead rushes and hold his own defensively.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Anton Silayev
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)
Uses 6-foot-7 frame to guide opposition to the outside and snuff out scoring chances. Skates well.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

3. Seamus Casey
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Utica (AHL)
Saw NHL ice, but move to AHL was valuable. Future power-play QB oozes offensive upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Mikhail Yegorov
Pos G **Age** 19
2024-25 Boston University (HE)
At 6-foot-5, covers plenty of net. Looked confident, controlled after mid-season move from Omaha.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

5. Arseniy Gritsyuk
Pos RW **Age** 24
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Fleet-footed winger with good release is especially dangerous on the rush. Coming over from KHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

6. Lenni Hameenaho
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Assat (Fin.)
Stock keeps rising with year-over-year improvement. Has both style and substance to be NHL regular.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Conrad Fondrk
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 USA U18 (NTDP)
If he develops two-way game to go with his obvious puck skills, he's a perfect middle-six pivot.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Ben Kevan
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Des Moines (USHL)
Raw talent ready to be shaped at Arizona State. Scored bronze-winner in OT for USA at U-18s.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

9. Jakub Malek
Pos G **Age** 23
2024-25 Ilves (Fin.)
Big keeper led the top Finnish league in goals-against average. He's going to push for AHL starts.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Nico Daws
Pos G **Age** 24
2024-25 Utica (AHL)
Turned heads with performance as spot starter. No rush for full-time duty, but he's developing well.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	
95 J. Hughes	
90 Bratt	
80	
71 Hischier	
60	
57 Meier	
50 Gritsyuk	
	Hamilton 47
42 Mercer	
40	L. Hughes 40
36 Noesen	
33 Palat	
33 Dadonov	
	Nemec 29
26 Cotter	
25 Brown	Casey 23
23 Lammikko	
22 Glass	
20	
	Dillon 19
	Pesce 16
	Siegenthaler 13
	Kovacevic 12
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Edmonton	3:30 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 22	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 24	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Colorado	1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2	@ Anaheim	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Pittsburgh	12:30 PM
Mon, Nov 10	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12	@ Chicago	9:30 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Buffalo	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 3	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Anaheim	12:30 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Vancouver	12:30 PM
Wed, Dec 17	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Utah	3:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	@ Winnipeg	2:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Wed, Jan 14	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Seattle	4:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ St. Louis	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs NY Rangers	3:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Carolina	5:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Detroit	5:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Boston	7:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

New Jersey DEVILS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Jake Allen	35	6-2	197	Left	Fredericton, N.B.	Trade: Mtl 3/8/24	New Jersey	31	13-16-1	2.66	.908
Trenten Bennett	19	6-8	205	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	99th overall (2025)	Kemptville (CCHL)	31	13-15-2	2.92	.912
Tyler Brennan	22	6-4	180	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	102nd overall (2022)	Adirondack (ECHL)	29	9-16-3	3.48	.878
Nico Daws	24	6-4	205	Left	Munich, Ger.	84th overall (2020)	Utica (AHL)	34	11-20-3	3.16	.893
Veeti Louhivaara	19	6-3	207	Left	Jyvaskyla, Fin.	146th overall (2024)	JYP Jr. (Fin.)	18	4-11-0	2.94	.902
Jakub Malek	23	6-4	170	Left	Kromeriz, Cze.	100th overall (2021)	Ilves (Fin.)	33	15-11-6	2.09	.910
Jacob Markstrom	35	6-6	207	Left	Gavle, Swe.	Trade: Cgy 6/19/24	New Jersey	49	26-16-6	2.50	.900
Mikhail Yegorov	19	6-5	179	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	49th overall (2024)	Boston University (HE)	18	11-6-1	2.15	.927

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Calen Addison	25	5-11	173	Right	Brandon, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Henderson/Springfield (AHL)	62	5	31	36	63
Artem Barabosha	21	6-3	189	Right	Omsk, Rus.	198th overall (2022)	Zvezda Moscow (Rus.2)	32	1	4	5	14
Seamus Casey	21	5-10	162	Right	Miami, Fla.	46th overall (2022)	Utica (AHL)	30	3	15	18	8
Chase Cheslock	20	6-3	208	Right	Rogers, Minn.	154th overall (2023)	St. Thomas (CCHA)	38	1	13	14	22
Dennis Cholowski	27	6-2	210	Left	Langley, B.C.	Trade: NYI 3/7/25	NY Islanders/New Jersey	39	3	7	10	10
Brenden Dillon	34	6-4	225	Left	New Westminster, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	New Jersey	82	2	14	16	67
Mikael Diotte	22	6-3	205	Right	Ste-Julie, Que.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/24	Utica (AHL)	5	0	1	1	2
Ethan Edwards	23	5-10	176	Left	Grande Prairie, Alta.	120th overall (2020)	Michigan (Big Ten)	36	5	16	21	40
Dougie Hamilton	32	6-6	230	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	New Jersey	64	9	31	40	30
Jeremy Hanzel	22	6-1	205	Left	Burnaby, B.C.	Trade: Nsh 6/18/25	Atlanta (ECHL)	61	3	19	22	28
Sigge Holmgren	18	6-1	186	Right	Hedesunda, Swe.	178th overall (2025)	Brynas Jr. (Swe.)			DNP		
Luke Hughes	22	6-2	198	Left	Manchester, N.H.	4th overall (2021)	New Jersey	71	7	37	44	16
Viktor Hurtig	23	6-5	191	Right	Falun, Swe.	164th overall (2021)	Michigan Tech (CCHA)	35	1	4	5	10
Daniil Karpovich	20	6-3	209	Left	Minsk, Blr.	186th overall (2023)	Verkhnyaya Pyshma (Rus.2)	19	1	3	4	12
Johnathan Kovacevic	28	6-5	223	Right	Hamilton, Ont.	Trade: Mtl 6/30/24	New Jersey	81	1	16	17	72
Charles Leddy	21	6-1	184	Right	Fairfield, Conn.	126th overall (2022)	Quinnipiac (ECAC)	37	1	10	11	12
Simon Nemec	21	6-1	190	Right	Liptovsky Mikulas, Svk.	2nd overall (2022)	Utica (AHL)	34	5	18	23	12
Daniil Orlov	21	6-2	180	Left	Elektrostal, Rus.	110th overall (2022)	Spartak Moscow (KHL)	52	5	10	15	16
Brett Pesce	30	6-3	206	Right	Tarrytown, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	New Jersey	72	3	14	17	29
Jonas Siegenthaler	28	6-2	218	Left	Zurich, Sui.	Trade: Wsh 4/11/21	New Jersey	55	2	7	9	44
Anton Silayev	19	6-7	211	Left	Sarov, Rus.	10th overall (2024)	Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	63	2	10	12	37
Topias Vilen	22	6-1	194	Left	Lahti, Fin.	129th overall (2021)	Utica (AHL)	58	1	23	24	20
Colton White	28	6-1	187	Left	London, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Utica (AHL)	61	4	17	21	47

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Thomas Bordeleau	23	5-10	180	Left	Houston, Texas	Trade: SJ 7/2/25	San Jose (AHL)	59	14	24	38	39
Paul Cotter	25	6-2	213	Left	Canton, Mich.	Trade: Veg 6/29/24	New Jersey	79	16	6	22	62
Conrad Fondrk	18	6-0	193	Left	St. Paul, Minn.	50th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	40	13	14	27	6
Cody Glass	26	6-3	201	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	Trade: Pit 3/7/25	Pittsburgh/New Jersey	65	6	16	22	16
Jonathan Gruden	25	6-0	192	Left	Rochester Hills, Mich.	Trade: Pit 3/7/25	WBS/Utica (AHL)	60	8	10	18	66
Gustav Hillstrom	18	6-2	174	Right	Gavle, Swe.	114th overall (2025)	Brynas Jr. (Swe.)	43	16	22	38	16
Nico Hischier	26	6-1	200	Left	Brig, Sui.	1st overall (2017)	New Jersey	75	35	34	69	20
Jack Hughes	24	5-11	175	Left	Orlando, Fla.	1st overall (2019)	New Jersey	62	27	43	70	18
Marc McLaughlin	26	6-0	202	Right	North Billerica, Mass.	Trade: Bos 3/7/25	Providence/Utica (AHL)	50	5	15	20	27
Matyas Melovsky	21	6-1	190	Right	Zlin, Cze.	171st overall (2024)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	57	26	57	83	35
Dawson Mercer	23	6-0	180	Right	Carbonear, Nfld.	18th overall (2020)	New Jersey	82	19	17	36	16
Mason Moe	18	6-2	187	Left	Edina, Minn.	90th overall (2025)	Madison (USHL)	51	17	26	43	26
Xavier Parent	24	5-8	170	Left	Laval, Que.	Free Agent: signed 3/14/25	Utica (AHL)	61	17	19	36	59
Samu Salminen	22	6-2	186	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	68th overall (2021)	Denver (NCHC)	44	10	18	28	24
Ryan Schmelzer	32	6-2	188	Right	Buffalo, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 4/30/24	Utica (AHL)	72	23	21	44	57

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jesper Bratt	27	5-10	175	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	162nd overall (2016)	New Jersey	81	21	67	88	18
Cole Brown	20	6-2	178	Left	Toronto, Ont.	164th overall (2023)	Brantford (OHL)	67	33	37	70	55
Angus Crookshank	25	5-10	183	Left	North Vancouver, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Belleville (AHL)	62	22	18	40	36
Josh Filmon	21	6-1	158	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	166th overall (2022)	Adirondack (ECHL)	65	20	16	36	18
Brian Halonen	26	6-0	207	Right	Delano, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 3/27/22	Utica (AHL)	62	27	13	40	48
Mike Hardman	26	6-2	205	Left	Hanover, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Utica (AHL)	57	18	17	35	18
Shane Lachance	22	6-4	195	Left	Andover, Mass.	Trade: Edm 3/4/25	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	12	18	30	28
Juho Lammikko	29	6-2	191	Left	Noormarkku, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 6/14/25	Zurich (Sui.)	48	13	25	38	32
Kurtis MacDermid	31	6-5	233	Left	Quebec City, Que.	Trade: Col 3/1/24	New Jersey	23	0	0	0	23
Ondrej Palat	34	6-0	194	Left	Frydek-Mistek, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/14/22	New Jersey	77	15	13	28	12

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Connor Brown	31	6-0	184	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Edmonton	82	13	17	30	10
Evgenii Dadonov	36	5-11	188	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Dallas	80	20	20	40	10
Arseniy Gritsyuk	24	6-0	195	Left	Krasnoyarsk, Rus.	129th overall (2019)	St. Petersburg (KHL)	49	17	27	44	14
Lenni Hameenaho	20	6-0	173	Right	Kajaani, Fin.	58th overall (2023)	Assat (Fin.)	58	20	31	51	28
Ben Kevan	18	6-1	173	Right	Fairfield, Calif.	63rd overall (2025)	Des Moines (USHL)	51	13	30	43	43
Nathan Legare	24	6-0	200	Right	Montreal, Que.	Trade: Mtl 3/11/24	Utica (AHL)	69	17	8	25	102
Timo Meier	28	6-1	220	Left	Herisau, Sui.	Trade: SJ 2/26/23	New Jersey	80	26	27	53	58
Stefan Noesen	32	6-1	205	Right	Plano, Texas	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	New Jersey	78	22	19	41	54
Kasper Pikkarainen	19	6-3	194	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	85th overall (2024)	TPS Jr. (Fin.)	2	1	0	1	39
David Rozsival	18	6-1	188	Left	Jablonec Nad Nisou, Cze.	161st overall (2025)	Liberec Jr. (Cze.)	30	17	20	37	8
Cam Squires	20	6-0	165	Right	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	122nd overall (2023)	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	58	24	51	75	50
Dylan Wendt	24	6-1	195	Right	Grand Haven, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 4/4/24	Adirondack (ECHL)	43	9	19	28	16

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
35-35-12 (.500)

OVERTIME
5-9

SHOOTOUT
2-3

OVERALL
23rd

OFFENSE
2.71 GPG (27th)

DEFENSE
3.13 GAA (20th)

POWER PLAY
12.6% (31st)

PENALTY KILL
72.2% (31st)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.58 (11th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.49 (17th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
M. Barzal (20:21)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
A. DeAngelo (23:21)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Patrick Roy

GM
Mathieu Darche

CAPTAIN
Anders Lee

ARENA
UBS Arena

CAPACITY
17,113

AHL AFFILIATE
Bridgeport Islanders

ECHL AFFILIATE
Worcester Railers

BY ALLAN KREDA

THE ISLANDERS MISSED THE playoffs last season for the first time since 2022, and that has led to changes – most significantly the late-May hiring of Mathieu Darche as GM. The Islanders won the draft lottery and selected defenseman Matthew Schaefer. Darche also traded defenseman Noah Dobson and signed Jonathan Drouin and Maxim Shabanov.

Patrick Roy remains behind the bench. He was hired by former GM Lou Lamoriello in January 2024. Fans are eager for improvement – and a playoff berth – with a second full season of Roy behind the bench. Whether that's realistic remains to be seen. As always, goaltending and special teams will be key.

>OFFENSE

The offense was led in 2024-25 by Bo Horvat (28 goals, 57 points), captain Anders Lee (29 goals) and Kyle Palmieri (24 goals). Mathew Barzal played only 30 games because of injuries. Top scorer Brock Nelson was traded to Colorado late last season, and Dobson was shipped to Montreal in late June. Horvat, signed through 2030-31, continues to be a stabilizing factor on faceoffs and at both ends of the ice. The Islanders will need contributions from Drouin and Shabanov, the 24-year-old undrafted winger who was a point-per-game player in the KHL last season. They're also counting on a comeback from Anthony Duclair, who scored only seven goals in 44 games after signing a four-year contract last summer. The Islanders had one of league's hardest-working lines for many seasons

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with Casey Cizikas centering Cal Clutterbuck and Matt Martin, but Martin and Clutterbuck have retired. Emil Heineman, acquired in the Dobson trade, could join Cizikas on a new-look grit line.

>DEFENSE

Ryan Pulock and Adam Pelech are back as a veteran pair. They can be elite – provided they stay healthy. Alexander Romanov, who signed an eight-year contract extension in July, adds size and speed. Tony DeAngelo helped on the power play after joining the Islanders late last season. Schaefer, who turned 18 on Sept. 5, will aim to make the opening-night roster. He was the first defenseman selected with the top pick by the Islanders since Denis Potvin in 1973. Veteran Scott Mayfield hopes to regain his form after injuries have limited him the past two seasons. Adam Boqvist – added via waivers last season – and 21-year-old Isaiah George will also compete for time on the blueline.

>GOALTENDING

Ilya Sorokin and Semyon Varlamov have been a solid tandem the past five seasons, and that partnership will continue into 2025-26 if Varlamov is healthy. Sorokin, who turned 30 Aug. 4, was 30-24-6 with a 2.71 goals-against average last season. Varlamov, now 37, was limited to only 10 games. The Islanders signed 32-year-old David Rittich, who was with the Los Angeles Kings the past two seasons, as insurance.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The top power-play unit will have a new look following the departures of Nelson and Dobson. Barzal and Horvat will likely be joined by Drouin, Lee and DeAngelo. The second unit has promise, with Palmieri, Duclair, Jean-Gabriel Pageau, Maxim Tsyplakov and Pulock with his booming shot at the point. Penalty killing has been a strength thanks to the relentless ability of fleet skaters Cizikas and Pageau. Horvat is also a key contributor.

>INTANGIBLES

Loud fans at UBS Arena are a constant asset for the Islanders, who have reached the playoffs twice in four seasons in their new home. The core has long been together, as players and their families live close to the team's practice rink – and their former home at Nassau Coliseum – on Long Island. Those off-ice bonds surely help on-ice performance. The 35-year-old Lee, entering the final year of his contract, has proven to be an excellent captain.

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>ROOKIES

Schaefer is clearly the Islanders' prize addition heading into 2025-26. He played just 17 OHL games with the Erie Otters last season but is intent on making the Islanders. Shabanov is an intriguing newcomer. He scored 23 goals last year for Traktor Chelyabinsk.

>X-FACTOR

Barzal must elevate his game. The 28-year-old is coming off an injury-plagued season in which he scored only six goals. The playmaker needs to be at his best at 5-on-5 and on the power play for the Islanders to have any success.

>THE BRASS

The 48-year-old Darche, who spent the previous six seasons – including two Stanley Cup runs – with the Tampa Bay Lightning, takes control of the team's hockey-operations department. Darche remade the coaching staff at AHL Bridgeport and added two new assistants for Roy with Bob Boughner and power-play specialist Ray Bennett. The 59-year-old Roy is a four-time Stanley Cup winner, and players are enthusiastic about hitting the ice for the high-energy coach.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Anders Lee	1. Bo Horvat	1. Kyle Palmieri
2. Jonathan Drouin	2. Mathew Barzal	2. Simon Holmstrom
3. Pierre Engvall	3. Jean-Gabriel Pageau	3. Maxim Shabanov
4. Anthony Duclair	4. Casey Cizikas	4. Emil Heineman
5. Maxim Tsyplakov	5. Kyle MacLean	5. Marc Gatcomb

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Ryan Pulock	6. Matthew Schaefer	1. Ilya Sorokin
2. Adam Pelech	7. Adam Boqvist	2. Semyon Varlamov
3. Alexander Romanov	8. Isaiah George	3. David Rittich
4. Tony DeAngelo	9. Calle Odelius	
5. Scott Mayfield	10. Ethan Bear	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Noah Dobson, D; Scott Perunovich, D; Hudson Fasching, RW; Matt Martin, LW Mike Reilly, D; Grant Hutton, D

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Matthew Schaefer
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Erie (OHL)
Elite hockey sense, skating and puck-moving. He can run a power play and excel at even strength.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Calum Ritchie
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Oshawa (OHL)
Made opening-night roster in Colorado last season. Big, skilled power forward has top-six upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

3. Victor Eklund
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Djurgarden (Swe.2)
Undersized? Maybe. But he plays with fire. Production against men in Sweden's second tier impressed.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Cole Eiserman
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Boston Univ. (HE)
Lives to light the lamp. An elite goal-scoring talent with a wicked shot. Working hard on 'D' game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

5. Kashawn Aitcheson
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
Offensive breakout shows there's more to him than just a bruising shutdown defenseman.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Maxim Shabanov
Pos RW **Age** 24
2024-25 Chelyabinsk (KHL)
Shades of Artemi Panarin as late-bloomer arrives after KHL break-out. Exudes playmaking talent.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

7. Danny Nelson
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Notre Dame (Big Ten)
No surprise, but defender-turned-center has tremendous hockey sense. Also leadership qualities.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

8. Daniil Prokhorov
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Dyn. St. Pete. Jr. (Rus.)
Not a hit he won't go out of his way to make. Fast and physical defender with a good shot.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

9. Marcus Gidlof
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 Leksand (Swe.)
Continued growth of his game has surprised. Projectable size, and he moves well around his crease.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Jesse Pulkkinen
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 JYP (Fin.)
Mountainous defender can stop attackers in their tracks. Projects long-term as a shutdown option.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	
80	
65 Barzal	
60 Horvat	
50 Holmstrom	
47 Palmieri	Schaefer 47
46 Lee	
43 Tsyplakov	
41 Drouin	
40 Shabanov	DeAngelo 40
40 Pageau	
39 Duclair	
29 Ritchie	
24 Heineman	
	Pulock 22
20	Boqvist 20
19 Cizikas	
16 Engvall	Pelech 16
	Romanov 15
14 MacLean	
	Mayfield 10
	George 9
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Winnipeg	1:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Ottawa	3:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Philadelphia	12:30 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Boston	7:15 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 31	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2	vs Columbus	5:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 7	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 10	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs St. Louis	3:30 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Seattle	5:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Philadelphia	4:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	vs Washington	1:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ Florida	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Tampa Bay	3:30 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	@ Vancouver	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Buffalo	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs NY Rangers	6:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	@ Columbus	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Utah	3:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Calgary	3:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Buffalo	1:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 28	vs NY Rangers	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Columbus	6:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs Florida	4:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Los Angeles	9:30 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ St. Louis	7:30 PM
Fri, Mar 13	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Florida	1:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 3	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Ottawa	1:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	vs Montreal	6:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Carolina	7:00 PM

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New York ISLANDERS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Dmitry Gamzin	22	6-3	174	Left	Moscow, Rus.	115th overall (2024)	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	24	7-8-6	2.24	.928
Marcus Gidlof	20	6-6	212	Left	Falun, Swe.	147th overall (2024)	Leksand (Swe.)	17	11-6-0	2.33	.908
Marcus Hogberg	30	6-5	234	Left	Orebro, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 5/7/24	NY Islanders	15	2-6-3	3.38	.878
Burke Hood	18	6-3	202	Left	Brandon, Man.	170th overall (2025)	Vancouver (WHL)	42	19-13-6	3.13	.910
Tristan Lennox	22	6-3	193	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	93rd overall (2021)	Bridgeport (AHL)	6	0-5-0	4.12	.853
David Rittich	33	6-4	205	Left	Jihlava, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Los Angeles	34	16-14-2	2.84	.887
Ilya Sorokin	30	6-4	211	Left	Mezhdurechensk, Rus.	78th overall (2014)	NY Islanders	61	30-24-6	2.71	.907
Henrik Tikkanen	25	6-9	204	Left	Lohja, Fin.	214th overall (2020)	Bridgeport (AHL)	30	6-18-4	4.12	.865
Semyon Varlamov	37	6-2	201	Left	Samara, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	NY Islanders	10	3-4-3	2.89	.889

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Kashawn Aitcheson	19	6-2	196	Left	Scarborough, Ont.	17th overall (2025)	Barrie (OHL)	64	26	33	59	88
Ethan Bear	28	5-11	197	Right	Regina, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Hershey (AHL)	62	10	36	46	30
Adam Boqvist	25	6-0	191	Right	Falun, Swe.	Waivers: Fla 1/31/25	Florida/NY Islanders	35	4	10	14	10
Tony DeAngelo	29	5-11	180	Right	Sewell, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 1/24/25	NY Islanders	35	4	15	19	10
Isaiah George	21	6-1	196	Left	Oakville, Ont.	98th overall (2022)	NY Islanders	33	1	4	5	6
Dennis Good Bogg	21	6-1	191	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	209th overall (2023)	Mariestad (Swe.3)	20	1	2	3	25
Sam Laurila	19	6-0	184	Left	Moorhead, Minn.	138th overall (2025)	Fargo (USHL)	57	8	33	41	46
Tomas Machu	22	6-4	189	Right	Ostrava, Cze.	221st overall (2021)	Providence (HE)	30	2	4	6	27
Scott Mayfield	32	6-5	213	Right	St. Louis, Mo.	34th overall (2011)	NY Islanders	66	3	6	9	27
Cole McWard	24	6-1	192	Right	Fenton, Mo.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Abbotsford (AHL)	67	6	20	26	16
Travis Mitchell	25	6-4	201	Left	South Lyon, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 3/31/23	Bridgeport (AHL)	65	4	9	13	101
Calle Odelius	21	6-0	201	Left	Nykvarn, Swe.	65th overall (2022)	Bridgeport (AHL)	62	1	12	13	20
Adam Pelech	31	6-3	210	Left	Toronto, Ont.	65th overall (2012)	NY Islanders	60	0	21	21	32
Jesse Pulkkinen	20	6-6	203	Left	Jyvaskyla, Fin.	54th overall (2024)	JYP (Fin.)	38	3	5	8	26
Ryan Pulock	30	6-2	220	Right	Dauphin, Man.	15th overall (2013)	NY Islanders	74	5	18	23	16
Alexander Romanov	25	6-1	220	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Mtl 7/7/22	NY Islanders	64	4	16	20	20
Matthew Schaefer	18	6-2	183	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	1st overall (2025)	Erie (OHL)	17	7	15	22	8
Zachary Schulz	20	6-1	195	Left	Ann Arbor, Mich.	177th overall (2023)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	28	2	9	11	10
Xavier Veilleux	19	6-0	189	Left	L'Ancienne-Lorette, Que.	179th overall (2024)	Muskegon (USHL)	61	8	33	41	30
Marshall Warren	24	5-11	189	Left	Laurel Hollow, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 4/16/24	Bridgeport (AHL)	53	4	13	17	38

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Mathew Barzal	28	6-1	190	Right	Coquitlam, B.C.	16th overall (2015)	NY Islanders	30	6	14	20	4
Kamil Bednarik	19	6-0	185	Left	Elk Grove Village, Ill.	61st overall (2024)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	2	17	19	28
Cameron Berg	23	6-0	192	Left	West Fargo, N.D.	125th overall (2021)	North Dakota (NCHC)	26	12	10	22	16
Casey Cizikas	34	5-11	194	Left	Toronto, Ont.	92nd overall (2009)	NY Islanders	82	7	10	17	51
Liam Foudy	25	6-1	186	Left	Scarborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/10/24	Bridgeport (AHL)	70	20	25	45	24
Marc Gatcomb	26	6-2	195	Right	Woburn, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	NY Islanders	39	8	1	9	11
Matthew Highmore	29	5-11	186	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ottawa	41	2	4	6	10
Bo Horvat	30	6-1	215	Left	London, Ont.	Trade: Van 1/30/23	NY Islanders	81	28	29	57	16
Ruslan Iskhakov	25	5-8	170	Left	Moscow, Rus.	43rd overall (2018)	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	60	12	17	29	30
Kyle MacLean	26	6-1	194	Left	Livingston, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 5/19/23	NY Islanders	81	4	7	11	14
Danny Nelson	20	6-3	202	Left	St. Louis Park, Minn.	49th overall (2023)	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	36	13	13	26	35
Jean-Gabriel Pageau	32	5-11	195	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	Trade: Ott 2/24/20	NY Islanders	79	14	28	42	23
Kyle Palmieri	34	5-11	195	Right	Smithtown, N.Y.	Trade: NJ 4/7/21	NY Islanders	82	24	24	48	20
Calum Ritchie	20	6-2	185	Right	Oakville, Ont.	Trade: Col 3/6/25	Oshawa (OHL)	47	15	55	70	50
Luca Romano	18	5-11	177	Right	Toronto, Ont.	74th overall (2025)	Kitchener (OHL)	67	25	26	51	22
Camden Thiesing	24	6-0	189	Right	Franklin, Tenn.	Free Agent: signed 3/22/24	Bridgeport (AHL)	55	6	8	14	44
Gleb Veremyev	22	6-4	205	Left	Monroe Township, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 3/21/25	Colorado (NCHC)	37	9	8	17	50

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Adam Beckman	24	6-2	182	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: NJ 3/7/25	Utica/Bridgeport (AHL)	55	17	23	40	26
Jonathan Drouin	30	5-11	198	Left	Ste-Agathe, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Colorado	43	11	26	37	6
Anthony Duclair	30	6-0	200	Left	Pointe-Claire, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	NY Islanders	44	7	4	11	10
Cole Eiserman	19	6-0	195	Left	Newburyport, Mass.	20th overall (2024)	Boston Univ. (HE)	39	25	11	36	27
Pierre Engvall	29	6-5	215	Left	Ljungby, Swe.	Trade: Tor 2/28/23	NY Islanders	62	8	7	15	16
Quinn Finley	21	5-11	168	Left	Valparaiso, Ind.	78th overall (2022)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	37	20	20	40	31
Emil Heineman	23	6-2	198	Left	Leksand, Swe.	Trade: Mtl 6/27/25	Montreal	62	10	8	18	20
Alex Jefferies	23	6-0	200	Right	Framingham, Mass.	121st overall (2020)	Bridgeport (AHL)	59	13	16	29	18
Daylan Kuefler	23	6-2	195	Left	Red Deer, Alta.	174th overall (2022)	Bridgeport (AHL)	16	0	2	2	11
Anders Lee	35	6-3	231	Left	Edina, Minn.	152nd overall (2009)	NY Islanders	82	29	25	54	35
Eetu Liukas	23	6-3	200	Left	Turku, Fin.	157th overall (2021)	Bridgeport (AHL)	52	6	5	11	37
Jesse Nurmi	20	5-10	170	Left	Valkeala, Fin.	113th overall (2023)	London (OHL)	58	9	22	31	10
Tomas Poletin	18	6-1	200	Left	Prague, Cze.	106th overall (2025)	Pelicans Jr. (Fin.)	25	13	7	20	14

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Victor Eklund	18	5-11	161	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	16th overall (2025)	Djurgarden (Swe.2)	42	19	12	31	37
Julien Gauthier	27	6-4	225	Right	Pointe-aux-Trembles, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/5/23	Bridgeport (AHL)	9	3	5	8	6
Simon Holmstrom	24	6-2	215	Left	Tranas, Swe.	23rd overall (2019)	NY Islanders	75	20	25	45	8
Jacob Kvasnicka	18	5-11	170	Right	Burnsville, Minn.	202nd overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	66	18	21	39	10
Joey Larson	24	6-1	185	Right	Brighton, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 4/1/25	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	10	14	24	22
Matthew Maggio	22	5-11	191	Right	Windsor, Ont.	142nd overall (2022)	Bridgeport (AHL)	60	7	12	19	32
Daniil Prokhorov	18	6-5	209	Left	Krasnodar, Rus.	42nd overall (2025)	Dynamo St. Petersburg Jr. (Rus.)	43	20	7	27	14
Maxim Shabanov	24	5-8	156	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Chelyabinsk (KHL)	65	23	44	67	18
Maxim Tsyplakov	27	6-3	210	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 5/16/24	NY Islanders	77	10	25	35	39

New York RANGERS

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
39-36-7 (.518)

OVERTIME
3-7

SHOOTOUT
1-0

OVERALL
22nd

OFFENSE
3.11 GPG (12th)

DEFENSE
3.11 GAA (19th)

POWER PLAY
17.6% (28th)

PENALTY KILL
80.3% (11th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.54 (16th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.76 (28th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
V. Trocheck (21:06)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
A. Fox (23:15)

Fast FACTS

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Hartford Wolf Pack

ECHL AFFILIATE
Bloomington Bison

BY STEVE ZIPAY

AFTER A 114-POINT SEASON and a dramatic run to the East final in 2023-24, the Blueshirts bottomed out last season, missing the playoffs for the first time in four years.

With issues ranging from dressing-room unhappiness with the December trade of captain Jacob Trouba and the waiving of popular vet Barclay Goodrow to a leaky defense and numerous mid-season trades, the Rangers stumbled to an 85-point campaign that triggered the firing of coach Peter Laviolette after two seasons. The shakeup continued with the hiring of coach Mike Sullivan, who guided the Penguins for a decade, and the trades of Chris Kreider and K'Andre Miller.

Faced with cap constraints, GM Chris Drury was limited to the free-agent signing of Vladislav Gavrikov to a seven-year deal being his major move. A key question is whether Sullivan can match his success in Pittsburgh starting this season, the Rangers' 100th anniversary. With the Metro Division more challenging, it's shaping up to be a battle.

>OFFENSE

Forwards who produced in 2023-24 slumped last season. Artemi Panarin slid from 120 points to 89, Mika Zibanejad from 72 to 62, Vincent Trocheck from 77 to 59 and Alexis Lafreniere from 57 to 45. A 33-year-old Kreider, who suffered back spasms and vertigo and often seemed worn out, posted just 30 points compared to 75. On the plus side, former Ranger J.T. Miller, acquired from

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Vancouver, scored 35 points in 32 games and provided toughness, spark and leadership. Will Cuylle will assume much of Kreider's ice time. Sullivan will want a strong forecheck, especially from the bottom six and more of a north-south game.

>DEFENSE

Laviolette's man-on-man D-zone coverage didn't gel, with confusion allowing opponents to find open space between the circles. Not only were the errors painfully visible, the metrics were telling: the Rangers ranked 29th in high-danger chances against per 60 minutes at 5-on-5 and finished 28th in scoring chances allowed per game. Gavrikov, 29, will help Adam Fox on the first pair, and so should Sullivan's box-and-one system, which stresses positional play, reads and switching spots to adapt to puck movement. While K'Andre Miller was the biggest culprit for turnovers, the scheme change will benefit blueliners Will Borgen, Urho Vaakanainen and Braden Schneider. Depth defensemen include journeyman Derrick Pouliot and prospect Scott Morrow.

>GOALTENDING

Igor Shesterkin and Jonathan Quick had off-years due in large part to the wobbly defense, but they should rebound. Shesterkin, one of the NHL's top-tier goalies, often kept the club in games (finishing 27-29-5), but his 2.86 goals-against average and .905 save percentage were each down from his career average. The 39-year-old Quick, a future Hall of Famer, posted just 11 wins with a 3.17 GAA and .893 SP after 18 wins in 2023-24.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

With Zibanejad passing up shots, Panarin off his man-advantage game and Kreider disappointing in his net-front presence, the power play finished at 17.6 percent, 28th in the league, with 28 fewer goals than in 2023-24. Miller, with his 68 career power-play goals, will be a plus. The penalty kill ranked 11th in the league. Former Rangers coach David Quinn is back as an assistant and will try to tighten things up when shorthanded.

>INTANGIBLES

Can Sullivan and his staff galvanize the defense and core forwards and develop some youngsters with a new voice and style? The Blueshirts looked sluggish and surrendered too often in close games last season. They need a quick turnaround from Sullivan and determination from the leaders to make the post-season.

>ROOKIES

Gabe Perreault, 20, was a significant contributor for the U.S. in the past two World Junior Championships, when they won gold medals. The playmaking right winger appeared in five games at the end of last season and will get a long look in training camp.

>X-FACTOR

Improvement is critical on all levels. Can Miller help revive the offense and power play with his attitude and ability? He's been a point-per-game player since 2019-20 and collected 70 in 72 games between the Canucks and Rangers last season, even with both teams struggling offensively.

>THE BRASS

Drury, with little cap space and the blessing of owner James Dolan, kept juggling. Kaapo Kakko, Ryan Lindgren, Jimmy Vesey and Filip Chytil were traded last season. Drury doesn't seem to be going anywhere anytime soon. Will the experienced Sullivan, who was John Tortorella's right-hand man in New York and the team's fourth coach since 2018, be around longer? H

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Artemi Panarin	1. J.T. Miller	1. Alexis Lafreniere
2. Will Cuylle	2. Mika Zibanejad	2. Gabe Perreault
3. Brett Berard	3. Vincent Trocheck	3. Jonny Brodzinski
4. Brennan Othmann	4. Sam Carrick	4. Matt Rempe
5. Adam Edstrom	5. Juuso Parssinen	5. Taylor Raddysh

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Adam Fox	6. Carson Soucy	1. Igor Shesterkin
2. Vladislav Gavrikov	7. Scott Morrow	2. Jonathan Quick
3. Will Borgen	8. Derrick Pouliot	3. Louis Domingue
4. Braden Schneider	9. Matthew Robertson	
5. Urho Vaakanainen	10. Connor Mackey	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Chris Kreider, LW; K'Andre Miller, D; Zac Jones. D, Arthur Kaliyev. RW

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GABE PERREAULT

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Gabe Perreault
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
Has raw offensive gifts and attacking acuity. Destined to work the wall on the power play.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Brennan Othmann
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25 Hartford (AHL)
Plays the pacey, straight-line game coaches love. NHL experience in 2024-25 will prove valuable.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Scott Morrow
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Chicago (AHL)
Saw playoffs in Carolina and has shown flashes of brilliance in AHL. He needs steady NHL duty now.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Brendan Brisson
Pos C **Age** 23
2024-25 Hartford (AHL)
Versatile forward built for top-six minutes and power-play trigger-man spot. Untapped potential.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. EJ Emery
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 North Dakota (NCHC)
Was role player in freshman campaign. Physical tools are outstanding but lacks offensive punch.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. Malcolm Spence
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Erie (OHL)
Can wheel down wing and rifle the puck. Maintaining game-in, game-out production is the question.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

7. Drew Fortescue
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
Doesn't give an inch defensively. No coincidence he's won championships wherever he's played.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Brett Berard
Pos LW **Age** 23
2024-25 Hartford (AHL)
Big chip on the 5-foot-9 winger's shoulder. Scraps for every inch of ice and gets to hard areas.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Dylan Garand
Pos G **Age** 23
2024-25 Hartford (AHL)
Steady upward trajectory and earned start (and pitched shutout) for Canada at men's worlds.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Sean Barnhill
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Dubuque (USHL)
Limited offensive upside, but Barnhill is around for his size and D-zone acumen. Strong skater.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	100 Panarin	
80	81 Miller	
	70 Zibanejad	Fox 71
	64 Trocheck	
60		
	55 Lafreniere	
	50 Cuylle	
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	26 Edstrom	Gavrikov 26
	23 Raddysh	
	22 Parssinen	
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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

New York RANGERS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Talyn Boyko	22	6-6	206	Left	Drumheller, Alta.	112th overall (2021)	Tulsa (ECHL)	33	20-8-5	2.66	.913
Dylan Garand	23	6-1	177	Left	Victoria, B.C.	103rd overall (2020)	Hartford (AHL)	39	20-10-9	2.73	.913
Hugo Ollas	23	6-6	251	Left	Linkoping, Swe.	197th overall (2020)	Bloomington/Worcester (ECHL)	33	12-16-3	3.10	.895
Jonathan Quick	39	6-1	220	Left	Milford, Conn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	NY Rangers	24	11-7-2	3.17	.893
Igor Shesterkin	29	6-1	195	Left	Moscow, Rus.	118th overall (2014)	NY Rangers	61	27-29-5	2.86	.905
Callum Tung	21	6-3	198	Left	Port Moody, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 4/1/25	Connecticut (HE)	15	10-4-1	2.01	.933

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Sean Barnhill	18	6-6	205	Right	Scottsdale, Ariz.	70th overall (2025)	Dubuque (USHL)	54	4	8	12	14
Will Borgen	28	6-3	204	Right	Moorhead, Minn.	Trade: Sea 12/18/24	Seattle/NY Rangers	84	5	10	15	42
Jackson Dorrington	21	6-2	192	Left	Manchester, N.H.	Trade: Van 1/31/25	Northeastern (HE)	37	2	13	15	20
EJ Emery	19	6-3	185	Right	Surrey, B.C.	30th overall (2024)	North Dakota (NCHC)	31	0	1	1	40
Felix Farhammar	18	6-1	185	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	203rd overall (2025)	Orebro Jr. (Swe.)	43	3	18	21	30
Casey Fitzgerald	28	6-0	187	Right	North Reading, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Hartford (AHL)	66	5	16	21	75
Drew Fortescue	20	6-1	176	Left	New York, N.Y.	90th overall (2023)	Boston College (HE)	36	0	11	11	42
Adam Fox	27	5-11	180	Right	Jericho, N.Y.	Trade: Car 4/30/19	NY Rangers	74	10	51	61	32
Vladislav Gavrikov	29	6-3	220	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	Trade: Clb 3/1/23	Los Angeles	82	5	25	30	28
Artem Gonchar	18	6-0	156	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	89th overall (2025)	Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)	50	7	18	25	2
Rasmus Larsson	21	6-3	200	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	152nd overall (2023)	Northern Michigan (CCHA)	29	3	0	3	14
Zeb Lindgren	18	6-1	195	Left	Umea, Swe.	139th overall (2025)	Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)	38	4	15	19	76
Connor Mackey	29	6-3	205	Left	Tower Lake, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Hartford (AHL)	66	6	18	24	102
Scott Morrow	22	6-2	210	Right	Darien, Conn.	Trade: Car 7/1/25	Chicago (AHL)	52	13	26	39	47
Evan Passmore	18	6-5	212	Right	Elmira, Ont.	171st overall (2025)	Barrie (OHL)	62	3	8	11	58
Derrick Pouliot	31	6-1	205	Left	Estevan, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Syracuse (AHL)	70	7	46	53	36
Matthew Robertson	24	6-4	211	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	49th overall (2019)	Hartford (AHL)	60	1	24	25	55
Brandon Scanlin	26	6-4	222	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/19/22	Hartford (AHL)	66	8	6	14	30
Braden Schneider	24	6-4	213	Right	Prince Albert, Sask.	19th overall (2020)	NY Rangers	80	6	15	21	18
Carson Soucy	31	6-5	208	Left	Viking, Alta.	Trade: Van 3/6/25	Vancouver/NY Rangers	75	4	9	13	46
Urho Vaakanainen	26	6-2	205	Left	Joensuu, Fin.	Trade: Ana 12/6/24	Anaheim/NY Rangers	51	2	14	16	18

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Raoul Boilard	19	6-1	193	Left	Sherbrooke, Que.	119th overall (2024)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	53	12	34	46	28
Brendan Brisson	23	6-0	198	Left	Los Angeles, Calif.	Trade: Veg 3/6/25	Henderson/Hartford (AHL)	61	7	18	25	46
Jonny Brodzinski	32	6-0	211	Right	Ham Lake, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 10/9/20	NY Rangers	51	12	7	19	4
Sam Carrick	33	6-0	202	Right	Markham, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	NY Rangers	80	6	14	20	58
Justin Dowling	35	5-10	180	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	New Jersey	52	2	5	7	6
Adam Edstrom	24	6-7	241	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	161st overall (2019)	NY Rangers	51	5	4	9	27
Mikkel Eriksen	18	5-11	187	Left	Oslo, Nor.	111th overall (2025)	Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)	40	22	21	43	8
Karl Henriksson	24	5-10	178	Left	Malmo, Swe.	58th overall (2019)	Vaxjo (Swe.)	36	9	5	14	10
Zakary Karpa	23	6-2	185	Left	Greenwich, Conn.	191st overall (2022)	Harvard (ECAC)	31	1	6	7	8
Noah Laba	22	6-2	191	Right	Northville, Mich.	111th overall (2022)	Colorado (NCHC)	29	10	16	26	25
Bryce McConnell-Barker	21	6-1	191	Left	London, Ont.	97th overall (2022)	Hartford (AHL)	68	7	8	15	34
J.T. Miller	32	6-1	218	Left	East Palestine, Ohio	Trade: Van 1/31/25	Vancouver/NY Rangers	72	22	48	70	55
Juuso Parssinen	24	6-3	212	Left	Hameenlinna, Fin.	Trade: Col 3/1/25	Nashville/Colorado/NY Rangers	48	6	10	16	19
Matt Rempe	23	6-9	255	Right	Calgary, Alta.	165th overall (2020)	NY Rangers	42	3	5	8	67
Dylan Roobroeck	21	6-7	207	Left	London, Ont.	178th overall (2023)	Hartford (AHL)	72	20	14	34	44
Carey Terrance	20	6-1	187	Left	Akwesasne, N.Y.	Trade: Ana 6/12/25	Erie (OHL)	45	20	19	39	14
Vincent Trocheck	32	5-11	188	Right	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	NY Rangers	82	26	33	59	44
Mika Zibanejad	32	6-2	203	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	Trade: Ott 7/18/16	NY Rangers	82	20	42	62	22

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nathan Aspinall	19	6-6	181	Left	Markham, Ont.	159th overall (2024)	Flint (OHL)	62	17	30	47	39
Brett Berard	23	5-9	175	Left	Providence, R.I.	134th overall (2020)	NY Rangers	35	6	4	10	8
Anton Blidh	30	6-1	196	Left	Molnlycke, Swe.	Trade: Col 3/3/23	Hartford (AHL)	71	19	17	36	109
Will Cuylle	23	6-3	212	Left	Toronto, Ont.	60th overall (2020)	NY Rangers	82	20	25	45	42
Rico Gredig	20	6-0	186	Left	Chur, Sui.	191st overall (2024)	Davos (Sui.)	40	2	3	5	10
Ty Henricks	20	6-5	205	Left	Mission Viejo, Calif.	183rd overall (2023)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	41	8	5	13	8
Alexis Lafreniere	23	6-2	196	Left	St-Eustache, Que.	1st overall (2020)	NY Rangers	82	17	28	45	38
Brennan Othmann	22	6-0	192	Left	Scarborough, Ont.	16th overall (2021)	Hartford (AHL)	27	12	8	20	35
Artemi Panarin	33	6-0	177	Right	Korkino, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	NY Rangers	80	37	52	89	16
Malcolm Spence	19	6-1	203	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	43rd overall (2025)	Erie (OHL)	65	32	41	73	57
Adam Sykora	21	5-11	193	Left	Piestany, Svk.	63rd overall (2022)	Hartford (AHL)	71	9	21	30	8
Kalle Vaisanen	22	6-3	204	Right	Kotka, Fin.	106th overall (2021)	Ilves (Fin.)	48	5	4	9	12

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jaroslav Chmelar	22	6-4	226	Right	Nove Mesto nad Metuji, Cze.	144th overall (2021)	Hartford (AHL)	71	12	17	29	48
Trey Fix-Wolansky	26	5-7	193	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Cleveland (AHL)	65	26	34	60	73
Samuel Jung	19	6-3	172	Left	Wodzislaw Slaski, Pol.	166th overall (2025)	Karpat Jr. (Fin.)	44	22	10	32	50
Brody Lamb	22	6-1	165	Right	Rochester, Minn.	104th overall (2021)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	39	17	9	26	12
Lauri Pajuniemi	26	6-0	202	Right	Tampere, Fin.	132nd overall (2018)	Lausanne (Sui.)	41	9	12	21	22
Gabe Perreault	20	5-11	178	Left	Sherbrooke, Que.	23rd overall (2023)	Boston College (HE)	37	16	32	48	25
Taylor Raddysh	27	6-3	200	Right	Caledon, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Washington	80	7	20	27	18

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
45-30-7 (.591)

OVERTIME
9-5

SHOOTOUT
1-2

OVERALL
12th

OFFENSE
2.95 GPG (19th)

DEFENSE
2.83 GAA (13th)

POWER PLAY
23.8% (11th)

PENALTY KILL
77.7% (19th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.36 (25th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.42 (14th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
T. Stutzle (19:49)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. Sanderson (24:27)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Travis Green

GM
Steve Staios

CAPTAIN
Brady Tkachuk

ARENA
Canadian Tire Centre

CAPACITY
18,500

AHL AFFILIATE
Belleville Senators

ECHL AFFILIATE
N/A

BY DILLON COLLINS

THE OTTAWA SENATORS have exorcised their demons after making the post-season for the first time since 2016-17. Now, GM Steve Staios – with a group largely similar to the one that bowed out in a hard-fought six-game series to the Toronto Maple Leafs – will look to ensure that the playoff push was no flash in the pan.

Ottawa's off-season game plan was "less is more," looking toward the established core while fine-tuning and addressing depth. Staios re-upped trade-deadline acquisition Fabian Zetterlund and dressing-room leader Claude Giroux while trading for dependable blueliner Jordan Spence and shoring up the fourth line with veteran Lars Eller. Now, with their nucleus a year older and wiser, the Sens will look within to establish themselves as a consistent threat in the Atlantic Division.

>OFFENSE

The forward group remains largely intact, though established stars will need to up their output if the Senators hope to take the next step. Only Tim Stutzle produced more than 75 points in 2024-25. A bright spot came in the form of Jake Sanderson, who finished third in team scoring with 57 points from the blueline. Staios did well in shaking up his top six at the trade deadline with a swap that sent Josh Norris to the Buffalo Sabres for Dylan Cozens. Coach Travis Green will need to unlock the scoring potential of Zetterlund, who spent much of his early tenure with

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the Sens on the fourth line. The club finished the season tied for 18th in goals per game.

>DEFENSE

The emergence of the 23-year-old Sanderson allowed the Senators to spread the top minutes between him and Thomas Chabot, who had carried too much of the load. Sanderson spent the bulk of his season opposite Artem Zub, while Chabot put up his strongest point totals since 2018-19 opposite Nick Jensen. The bottom pairing consists of Tyler Kleven, who stepped up mightily in the playoffs, and the able Nikolas Matinpalo. Spence will provide right-side depth, as Jensen is expected to miss time with injury. Lassi Thomson and Carter Yakemchuk will compete for roster spots during camp. Statistically speaking, the club ranked 13th in goals against per game last season.

>GOALTENDING

Linus Ullmark is the guy. The 32-year-old proved to be a rock for the Senators when healthy, suiting up in 44 games – 25 of which were wins – while posting a 2.72 goals-against average and a .910 save percentage. Between Ullmark, outgoing backup Anton Forsberg and Leevi Merilainen, the Senators tied for the most shutouts of any team last season (10). Merilainen, who was sensational in 11 NHL starts in 2024-25, will hold backup duties to Ullmark. Mads Sogaard and Hunter Shepard will be on deck in Belleville.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Ottawa's power play performed in the top half of the league last year, clocking in at 11th, with a 23.8 percent conversion rate. Brady Tkachuk put up an impressive 14 power-play goals – good for first on the team – followed closely by Drake Batherson with 13. On the PK, Ottawa finished 19th in the league with a rate of 77.7 percent, though the team collected a healthy nine shorthanded goals. Shane Pinto and Ridly Greig proved to be formidable penalty-killers, collecting three and two shorthanded goals, respectively.

>INTANGIBLES

There's no accounting for experience, and between the 4 Nations Face-Off and a white-knuckle first round of the playoffs, captain Tkachuk has tasted what it means to perform in meaningful hockey games. Ditto for Sanderson, Stutzle, Chabot and Batherson, who had previously been on the outside looking in on post-season play. With the playoff drought now lifted, the Senators can now focus on taking the next step.

>ROOKIES

Yakemchuk turns pro this season and is one to watch, though a year in the AHL is more likely. The club restocked the cupboards at the draft with the additions of first-rounder Logan Hensler, potent shooter Blake Vanek and goaltender Lucas Beckman. Talented winger Blake Montgomery continued his growth, putting together a Memorial Cup-winning campaign with the London Knights.

>X-FACTOR

If there's one area of the Senators' game that needs to take a step forward for sustained success, it's their 5-on-5 scoring. The Senators ranked 31st with 139 5-on-5 goals last year. With the club requiring bounce-back seasons from several key players, that number will need to climb drastically to compete in the Atlantic.

>THE BRASS

Under the ownership of Michael Andlauer, the Sens are geared for success. Green holds his roster to a high standard, but he helped guide the club to a 97-point season – their highest total since 2016-17.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Brady Tkachuk	1. Tim Stutzle	1. Drake Batherson
2. David Perron	2. Dylan Cozens	2. Claude Giroux
3. Ridly Greig	3. Shane Pinto	3. Fabian Zetterlund
4. Nick Cousins	4. Lars Eller	4. Michael Amadio
5. Olle Lycksell	5. Stephen Halliday	5. Arthur Kaliyev

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Jake Sanderson	6. Tyler Kleven	1. Linus Ullmark
2. Thomas Chabot	7. Nikolas Matinpalo	2. Leevi Merilainen
3. Artem Zub	8. Carter Yakemchuk	3. Mads Sogaard
4. Nick Jensen	9. Lassi Thomson	INJURED
5. Jordan Spence	10. Jorian Donovan	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Adam Gaudette, C; Anton Forsberg, G; Travis Hamonic, D; Matthew Highmore, C; Cole Reinhardt, LW; Dennis Gilbert, D

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CARTER YAKEMCHUK

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Carter Yakemchuk
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Calgary (WHL)
Positively brilliant with the puck on his stick. Power-play quarterback. Will hone 'D' with time.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Logan Hensler
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Wisconsin (Big Ten)
Inconsistent draft year, but the upside is apparent. He'll grow into bigger role at NCAA Wisconsin.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Leevi Merilainen
Pos G **Age** 23
2024-25 Belleville (AHL)
AHL numbers? Good. NHL performance? Excellent. Cool customer uses athleticism to his advantage.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Stephen Halliday
Pos C **Age** 23
2024-25 Belleville (AHL)
Led Baby Sens in scoring as AHL rookie. Patience with the puck is hard to teach. Halliday has it.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Mads Sogaard
Pos G **Age** 24
2024-25 Belleville (AHL)
Fewer starts last season, and his stats regressed. But the big keeper can intimidate shooters.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Blake Vanek
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Chicago (USHL)
Strong high-school output but modest USHL numbers. Move to WHL will aid big winger's growth.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

7. Xavier Bourgault
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Belleville (AHL)
Has shown a commitment to refining game. QMJHL scorer has become a two-way talent as pro.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Jorian Donovan
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Belleville (AHL)
Skating gets him out of trouble and limits opposition chances. Modest upside but steady game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. Blake Montgomery
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 London (OHL)
Deceptive speed for a 6-foot-4 frame. Especially adept at finding passing lanes and attacking space.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Gabriel Eliasson
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
An out-and-out bruiser on the blueline. A physical specimen who lives to punish attacking forwards.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS **DEFENSEMEN**

100

83 Stutzle

80

70 Tkachuk
70 Batherson

65 Cozens

Sanderson 62

60

50 Giroux

Chabot 42

41 Pinto

40

38 Zetterlund

30 Greig
28 Perron

24 Amadio
24 Eller
23 Cousins

Spence 23
Thomson 22
Yakemchuk 20
Zub 19

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18 Kaliyev

Kleven 16
Jensen 16

Matinpalo 13

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Ottawa SENATORS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Lucas Beckman	18	6-2	182	Left	Montreal, Que.	97th overall (2025)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	52	31-18-2	2.65	.914
Leevi Merilainen	23	6-3	186	Left	Oulu, Fin.	71st overall (2020)	Belleville (AHL)	37	18-12-7	2.37	.913
Vladimir Nikitin	20	6-4	199	Left	Ekibastuz, Kaz.	207th overall (2023)	Nanaimo (BCHL)	13	11-2-0	2.35	.924
Jackson Parsons	20	6-1	203	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Kitchener (OHL)	52	37-12-3	2.24	.920
Kevin Reidler	21	6-7	209	Left	Gavle, Swe.	151st overall (2022)	Nebraska-Omaha (NCHC)	8	4-1-0	2.74	.920
Hunter Shepard	29	6-0	215	Left	Cohasset, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Hershey (AHL)	39	23-11-4	2.80	.891
Mads Sogaard	24	6-7	217	Left	Aalborg, Den.	37th overall (2019)	Belleville (AHL)	8	0-5-2	3.69	.858
Andrei Trofimov	19	6-2	187	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	213th overall (2025)	Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)	26	13-7-2	2.10	.929
Linus Ullmark	32	6-4	215	Left	Lugnvik, Swe.	Trade: Bos 6/24/24	Ottawa	44	25-14-3	2.72	.910

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Matthew Andonovski	20	6-2	215	Left	Markham, Ont.	140th overall (2023)	Kitchener (OHL)	65	6	15	21	132
Thomas Chabot	28	6-1	203	Left	St-Marie, Que.	18th overall (2015)	Ottawa	80	9	36	45	24
Jorian Donovan	21	6-1	200	Left	Calgary, Alta.	136th overall (2022)	Belleville (AHL)	64	3	9	12	83
Gabriel Eliasson	19	6-7	212	Left	Kungsbacka, Swe.	39th overall (2024)	Barrie (OHL)	63	3	4	7	116
Maxence Guenette	24	6-1	210	Right	L'Ancienne-Lorette, Que.	187th overall (2019)	Belleville (AHL)	58	9	14	23	34
Tomas Hamara	21	6-0	194	Left	Prague, Cze.	87th overall (2022)	Brantford (OHL)	58	8	47	55	37
Logan Hensler	18	6-2	192	Right	Woodbury, Minn.	23rd overall (2025)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	32	2	10	12	27
Nick Jensen	35	6-0	196	Right	Rogers, Minn.	Trade: Wsh 7/1/24	Ottawa	71	3	18	21	6
Tyler Kleven	23	6-5	221	Left	Fargo, N.D.	44th overall (2020)	Ottawa	79	4	6	10	27
Nikolas Matinpalo	26	6-3	211	Right	Espoo, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 5/25/23	Ottawa	41	1	3	4	20
Filip Nordberg	21	6-5	211	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	64th overall (2022)	Sioux Falls (USHL)	55	6	18	24	105
Jake Sanderson	23	6-2	204	Left	Whitefish, Mont.	5th overall (2020)	Ottawa	80	11	46	57	12
Donovan Sebrango	23	6-2	221	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Trade: Det 7/9/23	Belleville (AHL)	50	8	12	20	79
Jordan Spence	24	5-11	180	Right	Manly, Aus.	Trade: LA 6/28/25	Los Angeles	79	4	24	28	16
Hoyt Stanley	20	6-3	204	Right	West Vancouver, B.C.	108th overall (2023)	Cornell (ECAC)	36	2	11	13	40
Lassi Thomson	25	6-0	192	Right	Tampere, Fin.	Waivers: Ana 10/9/23	Malmo (Swe.)	50	17	12	29	26
Djibril Toure	22	6-7	217	Right	Montreal, Que.	Free Agent: signed 9/21/23	Belleville (AHL)	36	2	4	6	57
Theo Wallberg	21	6-4	214	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	168th overall (2022)	Ohio St. (Big Ten)	27	0	8	8	10
Eerik Wallenius	19	6-4	217	Left	Salo, Fin.	136th overall (2024)	HPK Jr. (Fin.)	39	4	18	22	81
Carter Yakemchuk	20	6-3	209	Right	Fort McMurray, Alta.	7th overall (2024)	Calgary (WHL)	56	17	32	49	82
Artem Zub	29	6-3	200	Right	Khabarovsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 5/1/20	Ottawa	56	2	11	13	34

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Owen Beckner	20	6-2	193	Left	Victoria, B.C.	204th overall (2023)	Colorado (NCHC)	37	7	20	27	4
Wyatt Bongiovanni	26	6-0	193	Left	Birmingham, Mich.	Trade: Wpg 3/15/24	Belleville (AHL)	54	22	11	33	27
Jake Chiasson	22	6-2	181	Right	Abbotsford, B.C.	Trade: Edm 7/15/24	Orlando (ECHL)	20	1	6	7	6
Nick Cousins	32	5-11	186	Left	Belleville, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 8/29/24	Ottawa	50	6	9	15	41
Dylan Cozens	24	6-3	207	Right	Whitehorse, Yukon	Trade: Buf 3/7/25	Buffalo/Ottawa	82	16	31	47	68
Tyson Dyck	21	6-0	189	Left	Abbotsford, B.C.	206th overall (2022)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	37	3	10	13	10
Lars Eller	36	6-2	208	Left	Rodovre, Den.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Pittsburgh/Washington	80	10	12	22	36
Ridly Greig	23	6-0	188	Left	Lethbridge, Alta.	28th overall (2020)	Ottawa	78	13	21	34	60
Stephen Halliday	23	6-4	212	Left	Ajax, Ont.	104th overall (2022)	Belleville (AHL)	71	19	32	51	49
Zack MacEwen	29	6-4	227	Right	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Free Agent: signed 7/6/23	Belleville (AHL)	23	7	9	16	29
Garrett Pilon	27	6-0	192	Right	Mineola, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Belleville (AHL)	68	11	37	48	61
Shane Pinto	24	6-3	204	Right	Franklin Square, N.Y.	32nd overall (2019)	Ottawa	70	21	16	37	26

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Lucas Ellinas	19	6-2	200	Left	Etobicoke, Ont.	104th overall (2024)	Kitchener (OHL)	50	20	17	37	51
Bruno Idzan	19	6-0	195	Left	Zagreb, Cro.	181st overall (2025)	Lincoln (USHL)	36	22	22	44	20
Dmitri Isayev	18	5-9	148	Right	Tolyatti, Rus.	149th overall (2025)	Yekaterinburg Jr. (Rus.)	44	22	23	45	30
Blake Montgomery	20	6-4	178	Left	Bowie, Md.	117th overall (2024)	London (OHL)	51	23	27	50	12
Javon Moore	19	6-3	195	Left	St. Louis Park, Minn.	112th overall (2024)	Sioux Falls (USHL)	56	17	22	39	10
David Perron	37	6-0	198	Right	Sherbrooke, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Ottawa	43	9	7	16	12
Tim Stutzle	23	6-0	192	Left	Viersen, Ger.	3rd overall (2020)	Ottawa	82	24	55	79	46
Brady Tkachuk	26	6-4	225	Left	Scottsdale, Ariz.	4th overall (2018)	Ottawa	72	29	26	55	123
Fabian Zetterlund	26	5-11	220	Right	Karlstad, Swe.	Trade: SJ 3/7/25	San Jose/Ottawa	84	19	22	41	14

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Michael Amadio	29	6-1	199	Right	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Ottawa	72	11	16	27	18
Drake Batherson	27	6-3	200	Right	Fort Wayne, Ind.	121st overall (2017)	Ottawa	82	26	42	68	30
Tyler Boucher	22	6-2	216	Right	Scottsdale, Ariz.	10th overall (2021)	Belleville (AHL)	47	5	5	10	34
Xavier Bourgault	22	5-10	179	Right	L'Islet, Que.	Trade: Edm 7/15/24	Belleville (AHL)	61	12	14	26	14
Claude Giroux	37	5-11	188	Right	Hearst, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Ottawa	81	15	35	50	18
Hayden Hodgson	29	6-2	221	Right	Windsor, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Belleville (AHL)	43	5	6	11	156
Jan Jenik	25	6-2	199	Left	Nymburk, Cze.	Trade: Uth 7/3/24	Belleville (AHL)	52	12	17	29	75
Arthur Kaliyev	24	6-2	210	Left	Tashkent, Uzb.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	NY Rangers	14	3	1	4	2
Olle Lycksell	26	5-10	163	Left	Oskarshamn, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	43	19	25	44	14
Cameron O'Neill	21	6-0	194	Right	Odenton, Md.	143rd overall (2022)	UMass (HE)	27	2	1	3	6
Oskar Pettersson	21	6-2	209	Right	Halmstad, Swe.	72nd overall (2022)	Belleville (AHL)	67	9	6	15	26
Blake Vanek	18	6-2	205	Right	Stillwater, Minn.	93rd overall (2025)	Stillwater (USHS)	29	22	31	53	23
Nicholas Vantassell	21	6-4	214	Right	Staten Island, N.Y.	215th overall (2023)	UMass (HE)	37	2	2	4	11

Philadelphia FLYERS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
33-39-10 (.463)

OVERTIME
6-7

SHOOTOUT
6-3

OVERALL
29th

OFFENSE
2.83 GPG (24th)

DEFENSE
3.45 GAA (28th)

POWER PLAY
15.0% (30th)

PENALTY KILL
77.6% (20th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.49 (19th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.31 (3rd)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
T. Konecny (20:36)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
T. Sanheim (24:30)

Fast FACTS

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Rick Tocchet

GM
Daniel Briere

CAPTAIN
Sean Couturier

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BY WAYNE FISH

AFTER FOUR STRAIGHT SEASONS out of the playoffs, the Flyers showed some life at the start of last year. But things gradually went downhill, and the Flyers finished last in the Metro, prompting the firing of coach John Tortorella.

New coach Rick Tocchet was brought on board, and the Flyers signed Christian Dvorak and Daniel Vladar and traded for Trevor Zegras. The Flyers hope they have started to turn things in the right direction with a different style of coach and an infusion of new players. Just staying in contention is a reasonable aspiration. Tocchet was a popular, successful figure in his playing days with Philadelphia. The team is hoping he can recapture that magic.

>OFFENSE

Travis Konecny led Flyers forwards in points with 76, and rookie Matvei Michkov topped that group in goals with 26. On defense, Travis Sanheim ranked first in goals (eight), assists (22) and points (30). The Flyers finished seventh out of eight teams in the Metropolitan Division last season with 232 goals. Only four players cleared the 20-goal mark. Management chose to trade some established goal-scorers – such as Joel Farabee, Morgan Frost and Scott Laughton – to, in part, allow space for some up-and-coming players. It might take a while for Tocchet's coaching style to take hold with this current group. Adding Zegras and Dvorak, along with an anticipated big point increase by Michkov, will help the offense start moving in a more positive direction.

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TRAVIS SANHEIM

>DEFENSE

A minus-48, which put the Flyers among the bottom feeders in the East, says a lot about the defensive shortcomings. It's a five-player problem, not just a two-defensemen issue. The Flyers need more cohesive backchecking and tighter gaps. Tocchet's 2023-24 Vancouver Canucks team was a plus-56, proving that his defensive system can be successful. Sanheim and Cam York are the Flyers' top defense pair overall, but if Rasmus Ristolainen (triceps tendon rupture) recovers and can be reunited with Nick Seeler, that will be your No. 1 shutdown tandem. There are several promising backliners in the system, including Memorial Cup champion Oliver Bonk (son of former NHL stalwart Radek Bonk), so help is on the way to get defense trending upward again.

>GOALTENDING

Adding Vladar will help a goalie corps that had more downs than ups last year. Regular starter Samuel Ersson had his moments but was on and off the injury list. Backups Ivan Fedotov and Aleksei Kolosov were inconsistent at best. None of the trio had a save percentage above .900. Vladar is a competent backup, but the onus is still on Ersson to prove he can stay healthy and competitive on a nightly basis.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Flyers finished 30th in the league on the power play last season and dead last the previous three years. Ugly numbers to say the least. First, the Flyers need a quarterback/power-play shooter at the point (Jamie Drysdale?). A stronger down-low presence would help, too. Perhaps Owen Tippett can fill that role. Michkov's eight PP goals in his rookie season are a good sign. Philadelphia was 20th on the penalty kill at 77.6 percent. The power play continues to be a weakness, while the PK holds its own. The Flyers tied for the NHL lead in shootout wins with six.

>INTANGIBLES

Due to a concerted youth movement, the Flyers are one of the NHL's youngest teams, with an average age just below 27. Captain Sean Couturier is a proven leader, and the dressing room is surprisingly close for a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 2020. Tough guys Nicolas Deslauriers, Garnet Hathaway and Seeler provide muscle. Tocchet's connection to the Flyers and Philadelphia from his playing days will add emotion and energy. Youngsters such as Tyson Foerster, Bobby Brink and possibly Jett Luchanko can take their cues from that environment.

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>ROOKIES

Luchanko, a first-round pick (13th overall) in 2024, played four NHL games as an 18-year-old last season and just might stay in Philly this year. Bonk is another first-rounder (22nd overall in 2023) who could be ready to move up.

>X-FACTOR

A move back into contention starts with the team buying into Tocchet's style and preachings. GM Daniel Briere says the goaltending position is an open competition, so maybe Vladar can push the envelope? Konecny made a big jump offensively last season and must continue that trend.

>THE BRASS

Team CEO Dan Hilferty supplies emotional support but generally stays away from personnel decisions. Briere, entering his third season, has worked to make this team younger, faster and tougher. Tocchet might have his hands full early on, but his coaching resume indicates that, ultimately, he can get the job done. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Tyson Foerster	1. Sean Couturier	1. Travis Konecny
2. Owen Tippett	2. Trevor Zegras	2. Matvei Michkov
3. Nicolas Deslauriers	3. Christian Dvorak	3. Bobby Brink
4. Alex Bump	4. Noah Cates	4. Garnet Hathaway
5. Karsen Dorwart	5. Rodrigo Abols	5. Jett Luchanko

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Travis Sanheim	6. Emil Andrae	1. Samuel Ersson
2. Cam York	7. Egor Zamula	2. Dan Vladar
3. Rasmus Ristolainen	8. Oliver Bonk	3. Ivan Fedotov
4. Jamie Drysdale	9. Helge Grans	INJURED
5. Nick Seeler	10. Noah Juulsen	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Ryan Poehling, C; Jakob Pelletier, LW; Olle Lycksell, RW

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Porter Martone
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Brampton (OHL)
A complete package. He can be an offensive catalyst and wrecking ball all in the same game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Jett Luchanko
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Guelph (OHL)
Flies when he gets moving and uses his speed to benefit at both ends of the ice. Captained Guelph.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Jack Nesbitt
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Windsor (OHL)
Somehow flies under radar despite standing 6-foot-4. He has potential to grow into physical force.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

4. Oliver Bonk
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 London (OHL)
Big-time blueline producer is always a step ahead of the play. Good at finding shooting lanes.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Carter Amico
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 USA U18 (NTDP)
Injury-limited draft season, but you can't teach size. Physical and profiles as shutdown defender.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

6. Egor Zavragin
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Stole the SKA crease. Good size and an outstanding athlete. He battles for his space in the paint.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Jack Murtagh
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 USA U18 (NTDP)
Goal-scoring tools and a bulldog's energy. Takes a beating to contribute. That doesn't go unnoticed.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Nikita Grebenkin
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Lehigh Valley (AHL)
Wizard with the puck. Chance to start anew with Flyers after being blocked on Leafs' depth chart.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Alex Bump
Pos LW **Age** 21
2024-25 W. Michigan (NCHC)
Stunning growth over past three years. Showed top-end playmaking skill in NCAA. Now turning pro.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Shane Vansaghi
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Michigan St. (Big Ten)
Embraces chaos of a bottom-six role. He's got skill, too, but he will make his name with feistiness.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80		
	72 Michkov 72 Konecny	
	65 Zegras	
60		
	50 Tippett 50 Couturier	
	44 Brink	
40		
	39 Cates	
		Drysdale 36
		Sanheim 32
	27 Dvorak	
		York 26
	24 Foerster 22 Luchanko	
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Aleksei Kolosov	23	6-1	185	Left	Minsk, Blr.	78th overall (2021)	Philadelphia	17	5-9-1	3.59	.867	
Dan Vladar	28	6-5	209	Left	Prague, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Calgary	30	12-11-6	2.80	.898	
Egor Zavragin	20	6-3	183	Left	Novosibirsk, Rus.	87th overall (2023)	Sochi/St. Petersburg (KHL)	43	20-14-3	2.50	.917	
DEFENSEMEN	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Carter Amico	18	6-5	225	Right	Portland, Maine	38th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	13	0	3	3	10
Emil Andrae	23	5-9	189	Left	Vastervik, Swe.	54th overall (2020)	Philadelphia	42	1	6	7	16
Oliver Bonk	20	6-2	180	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	22nd overall (2023)	London (OHL)	52	11	29	40	36
Jamie Drysdale	23	5-11	185	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Trade: Ana 1/8/24	Philadelphia	70	7	13	20	22
Ryan Ellis	34	5-10	180	Right	Hamilton, Ont.	Trade: Nsh 7/17/21	Philadelphia			DNP		
Dennis Gilbert	28	6-2	216	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	Trade: Buf 3/7/25	Buffalo/Ottawa	29	0	6	6	50
Spencer Gill	19	6-4	185	Right	Moncton, N.B.	59th overall (2024)	Rimouski (QMJHL)	51	6	29	35	56
Adam Ginning	25	6-3	196	Left	Linkoping, Swe.	50th overall (2018)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	69	2	15	17	71
Helge Grans	23	6-4	205	Right	Ljungby, Swe.	Trade: LA 6/6/23	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	66	8	15	23	42
Noah Juulsen	28	6-2	201	Right	Surrey, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Vancouver	35	0	0	0	21
Hunter McDonald	23	6-4	205	Left	Fairport, N.Y.	165th overall (2022)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	71	4	14	18	99
Austin Moline	19	6-4	193	Right	Las Vegas, Nev.	205th overall (2024)	Madison (USHL)	59	1	20	21	45
Ty Murchison	22	6-2	192	Left	Corona, Calif.	158th overall (2021)	Arizona St. (NCHC)	37	0	4	4	48
Rasmus Ristolainen	30	6-4	208	Right	Turku, Fin.	Trade: Buf 7/23/21	Philadelphia	63	4	15	19	14
Ethan Samson	22	6-1	180	Right	Delta, B.C.	174th overall (2021)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	69	12	12	24	40
Travis Sanheim	29	6-4	222	Left	Elkhorn, Man.	17th overall (2014)	Philadelphia	82	8	22	30	40
Nick Seeler	32	6-3	197	Left	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Philadelphia	77	3	17	20	36
Luke Vlooswyk	18	6-5	200	Right	Calgary, Alta.	157th overall (2025)	Red Deer (WHL)	68	3	14	17	45
Cam York	24	6-0	194	Left	Anaheim, Calif.	14th overall (2019)	Philadelphia	66	4	13	17	26
Egor Zamula	25	6-3	200	Left	Chelyabinsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 9/20/18	Philadelphia	63	3	12	15	6
CENTERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Rodrigo Abols	29	6-4	206	Left	Riga, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 6/15/24	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	47	15	17	32	12
Jon-Randall Avon	22	6-0	175	Left	Peterborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 9/22/21	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	60	7	10	17	11
Denver Barkey	20	5-9	155	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	95th overall (2023)	London (OHL)	50	25	57	82	22
Jack Berglund	19	6-3	209	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	51st overall (2024)	Farjestad (Swe.)	17	1	2	3	0
Sean Couturier	32	6-4	210	Left	Phoenix, Ariz.	8th overall (2011)	Philadelphia	79	15	30	45	41
Christian Dvorak	29	6-1	190	Left	Palos, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Montreal	82	12	21	33	16
Matthew Gard	18	6-5	192	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	57th overall (2025)	Red Deer (WHL)	66	19	17	36	81
Jacob Gaucher	24	6-3	185	Right	Longueuil, Que.	Free Agent: signed 12/12/24	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	70	20	18	38	47
Jett Luchanko	19	5-11	180	Right	London, Ont.	13th overall (2024)	Guelph (OHL)	46	21	35	56	46
Ryan MacPherson	20	6-0	176	Left	Windsor, Ont.	172nd overall (2023)	New Hampshire (HE)	18	1	1	2	2
Owen McLaughlin	22	6-0	160	Left	Phoenixville, Pa.	206th overall (2021)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	5	25	30	6
Jack Nesbitt	18	6-4	185	Left	Sarnia, Ont.	12th overall (2025)	Windsor (OHL)	65	25	39	64	74
Lane Pederson	28	6-1	196	Right	Saskatoon, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Bakersfield (AHL)	18	5	7	12	20
Nathan Quinn	18	5-11	173	Right	Chateauguay, Que.	164th overall (2025)	Quebec (QMJHL)	54	17	29	46	25
Anthony Richard	28	5-10	185	Left	Trois-Rivieres, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	42	17	19	36	31
Massimo Rizzo	24	5-10	175	Left	Burnaby, B.C.	Trade: Car 8/9/23	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	46	6	12	18	10
Heikki Ruohonen	19	6-1	204	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	107th overall (2024)	Dubuque (USHL)	49	16	23	39	6
Trevor Zegras	24	6-0	185	Left	Bedford, N.Y.	Trade: Ana 6/23/25	Anaheim	57	12	20	32	23
LEFT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Alex Bump	21	6-0	195	Left	Burnsville, Minn.	133rd overall (2022)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	23	24	47	14
Noah Cates	26	6-2	194	Left	Stillwater, Minn.	137th overall (2017)	Philadelphia	78	16	21	37	14
Alex Ciernik	20	5-11	176	Left	Wolfsburg, Ger.	120th overall (2023)	Nybro (Swe.2)	46	11	12	23	0
Nicolas Deslauriers	34	6-1	218	Left	LaSalle, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Philadelphia	31	2	1	3	15
Karsen Dorwart	23	6-1	194	Left	Sherwood, Ore.	Free Agent: signed 3/28/25	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	35	13	18	31	12
Oscar Eklind	27	6-4	220	Left	Trelleborg, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/8/24	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	64	5	17	22	28
Jack Murtagh	18	6-1	200	Left	Albany, N.Y.	40th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	56	22	31	53	36
Santeri Sulku	21	6-3	185	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	197th overall (2022)	IPK (Fin.2)	7	6	3	9	2
Max Westergard	18	5-11	161	Left	Tampere, Fin.	132nd overall (2025)	Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)	41	19	31	50	87
RIGHT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Bobby Brink	24	5-8	169	Right	Minnetonka, Minn.	34th overall (2019)	Philadelphia	79	12	29	41	22
Tyson Foerster	23	6-2	215	Right	Alliston, Ont.	23rd overall (2020)	Philadelphia	81	25	18	43	49
Alexis Gendron	21	5-9	175	Left	Coteau du Lac, Que.	220th overall (2022)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	63	20	8	28	48
Nikita Grebenkin	22	6-2	210	Left	Serov, Rus.	Trade: Tor 3/7/25	Toronto/Lehigh Valley (AHL)	50	12	16	28	43
Garnet Hathaway	33	6-2	212	Right	Naples, Fla.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Philadelphia	67	10	11	21	58
Devin Kaplan	21	6-2	199	Right	Bridgewater, N.J.	69th overall (2022)	Boston Univ. (HE)	38	10	8	18	65
Cole Knuble	21	5-10	184	Right	Grand Rapids, Mich.	103rd overall (2023)	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	34	12	27	39	12
Travis Konecny	28	5-10	192	Right	London, Ont.	24th overall (2015)	Philadelphia	82	24	52	76	53
Porter Martone	18	6-3	208	Right	Peterborough, Ont.	6th overall (2025)	Brampton (OHL)	57	37	61	98	74
Matvei Michkov	20	5-10	172	Left	Perm, Rus.	7th overall (2023)	Philadelphia	80	26	37	63	46
Ilya Pautov	19	5-11	167	Left	Novosibirsk, Rus.	173rd overall (2024)	Krasnaya Armiya Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	52	17	28	45	30
Noah Powell	20	6-1	201	Right	Northbrook, Ill.	148th overall (2024)	Oshawa (OHL)	28	9	13	22	25
Owen Tippett	26	6-1	210	Right	Peterborough, Ont.	Trade: Fla 3/19/22	Philadelphia	77	20	23	43	16
Samu Tuomaala	22	5-10	174	Right	Oulu, Fin.	46th overall (2021)	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	46	11	21	32	30
Shane Vansaghi	18	6-2	210	Right	St. Louis, Mo.	48th overall (2025)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	6	10	16	30

Pittsburgh PENGUINS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
34-36-12 (.488)

OVERTIME
9-6

SHOOTOUT
1-6

OVERALL
24th

OFFENSE
2.95 GPG (18th)

DEFENSE
3.50 GAA (29th)

POWER PLAY
25.8% (6th)

PENALTY KILL
77.8% (18th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.64 (8th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.64 (23rd)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
S. Crosby (20:22)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
K. Letang (23:32)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Dan Muse

GM
Kyle Dubas

CAPTAIN
Sidney Crosby

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BY SHELLY ANDERSON

AFTER THREE CONSECUTIVE playoff misses, the dam broke for the Pittsburgh Penguins this off-season with a coaching change and a headlong run in a new direction. Beyond the split with Mike Sullivan and the hiring of coach Dan Muse and a nearly new staff, Pittsburgh added several depth players and used a stockpile of picks to select a whopping 13 players in the draft.

It's hard to define what the Penguins are undergoing – even GM-president of hockey operations Kyle Dubas hasn't settled on an exact label – but it's apparently going to involve a mix of youthful talent and a few star stalwarts, primarily Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang.

>OFFENSE

Stop us if you've heard this before: the Penguins return their top scorer in Crosby. At 37, he had 91 points. But beyond 'Sid,' it's difficult to know where the production will come from. Malkin – who collected 50 points in 68 games last season and is entering the final year of his contract – is slowing down at 39, and there's uncertainty surrounding the team's top wingers. There were rumors Bryan Rust (31 goals) and Rickard Rakell (35 goals) would be traded in the off-season. A lack of scoring depth could be partly solved by touted wingers Rutger McGroarty and Ville Koivunen, who got their first NHL tastes in 2024-25. Perhaps other youngsters, along with Tommy Novak – who got hurt after arriving via trade in March – and free-agent signee Anthony Mantha, can step up as well.

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>DEFENSE

Pittsburgh gave up 3.50 goals per game, tied for third worst in the NHL. The result traced back to mistakes by defensemen and lackluster team play. Future Hall of Famer Erik Karlsson has not been what the team hoped for offensively, and his defensive lapses have been glaring at times. The Penguins will unload him if they can find a trading partner. Matt Grzelcyk was solid, if not spectacular, but he remained an unsigned UFA into late July. Ryan Graves has not fit in well, but he has a burdensome contract and isn't going anywhere. Ryan Shea ate some minutes as a 27-year-old breakthrough minor-leaguer. Letang goes into the season not knowing who his defense partner might be or who will be in the top six. Newcomers Matt Dumba, Connor Clifton, Parker Wotherspoon and Alexander Alexeyev will be in the mix, along with farmhand Jack St. Ivany and prospect Owen Pickering.

>GOALTENDING

The Penguins traded solid backup Alex Nedeljkovic, so Tristan Jarry will begin the year penciled in as No. 1, even after a season that was so rocky at times that it seemed his days with Pittsburgh were over. Arturs Silovs, 24, was brought in to be the backup, but could win the starting job in short order. He'll push for playing time after an excellent AHL post-season that led to a Calder Cup championship and MVP honors. There's plenty of depth in the crease with 23-year-old Joel Blomqvist and 21-year-old Sergei Murashov also in the system.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The power play was improved, particularly and surprisingly, when Grzelcyk was quarterbacking it. The penalty kill started strong but hit some lulls. It's difficult to predict how either will do this season with new coaches – assistant Todd Nelson will handle the power play, while Mike Stothers will run the penalty kill – and the personnel probably tweaked. With Crosby on the first power-play unit, will Malkin remain on the second? How will Letang and Karlsson be deployed? Will Dumba get work on the power play?

>INTANGIBLES

New coaches aren't the only thing to watch. In addition to navigating the dichotomy of the older core players and the youngsters, the Penguins have set out to be a bigger and more physical team. Burly winger Justin Brazeau, who signed a two-year deal as a UFA on July 1, fits the bill.

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>ROOKIES

Koivunen, who showed promise late last season with seven points in eight games, and McGroarty are expected to get prime opportunities in the top six and on the second power-play unit. Pickering got 25 games of NHL duty last season but is still classified as a rookie. He's been Pittsburgh's top prospect since he was drafted 21st overall in 2022.

>X-FACTOR

A return to the playoffs would be unexpected. Many target 2026-27 as the season the retool will show positive results. But a new staff, an influx of new players and the ever-present X-factor – Crosby – could make things interesting.

>THE BRASS

Due to diminished expectations, Dubas isn't on the hot seat entering his third season with Pittsburgh. But he won't be able to lay low after splitting with Sullivan (who won two Stanley Cups with the Penguins), hiring a rookie NHL coach and orchestrating a youth movement.

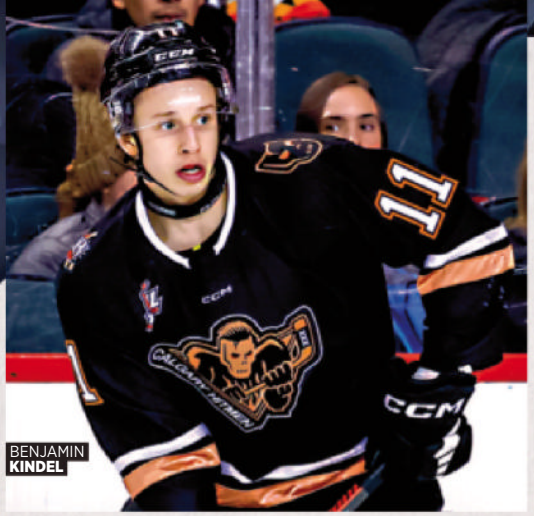
DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Ville Koivunen	1. Sidney Crosby	1. Bryan Rust
2. Rutger McGroarty	2. Evgeni Malkin	2. Rickard Rakell
3. Anthony Mantha	3. Tommy Novak	3. Philip Tomasino
4. Danton Heinen	4. Blake Lizotte	4. Kevin Hayes
5. Noel Acciari	5. Connor Dewar	5. Justin Brazeau

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Kris Letang	6. Ryan Graves	1. Tristan Jarry
2. Erik Karlsson	7. Owen Pickering	2. Arturs Silovs
3. Matt Dumba	8. Connor Clifton	3. Joel Blomqvist
4. Ryan Shea	9. Alexander Alexeyev	
5. Parker Wotherspoon	10. Jack St. Ivany	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Matt Grzelcyk, D; Alex Nedeljkovic, G; Conor Timmins, D; Matt Nieto, LW; P.O. Joseph, D; Emil Bemstrom, C



Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Benjamin Kindel
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Calgary (WHL)
Has a wicked shot and scoring touch. Skating will need improvement. Power-play weapon for now.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Owen Pickering
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 WB/Scranton (AHL)
Puck play stands out, but defense is a work in progress. Getting into NHL action great for development.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Harrison Brunicke
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Kamloops (WHL)
Patience on the puck paired with smooth skating and big-league size. He's repeatedly battled injury.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

4. Rutger McGroarty
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 WB/Scranton (AHL)
Attacking mindset and great tools. AHL output led to NHL opportunity, and he fared well.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

5. Bill Zonnon
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 R.-Noranda (QMJHL)
His ceiling is in middle six, but he'll win games with passion and grit. A competitor in every sense.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

6. William Horcoff
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Michigan (Big Ten)
Growing into 6-foot-5 frame but projectable size and net-front presence. Good in the corners, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Emil Pieniniemi
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Kingston (OHL)
Great distributor of the puck. Uses his edges well to escape checks but lacks top-tier speed.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Arturs Silovs
Pos G **Age** 24
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Arrives after backstopping AHL champs. He's ready to fight for starts in Pittsburgh's crease.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

9. Tanner Howe
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Calgary (WHL)
Malleability is a positive. Given a role, he commits. Can score, defend and throw his weight around.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Ville Koivunen
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25 WB/Scranton (AHL)
Just shy of point-per-game in Finland, AHL and NHL over past two seasons. All he does is produce.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
	91 Crosby	
80		
60		
	56 Rust	
	55 Malkin	
	52 Rakell	Karlsson 53
40	40 McGroarty	
	35 Novak	
	32 Heinen	Letang 32
	28 Hayes	
	26 Mantha	
	25 Brazeau	
	24 Tomasino	
	22 Lizotte	
20	20 Koivunen	
		Clifton 18
	14 Acciari	
	11 Dewar	Shea 11
		Graves 10
		Pickering 9
		Dumba 8
		Alexeyev 7
		Wotherspoon 6
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SCHEDULE

Tue, Oct 7	@ NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Anaheim	10:30 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 27	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Philadelphia	6:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Winnipeg	3:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	@ Toronto	7:30 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ New Jersey	12:30 PM
Sun, Nov 9	vs Los Angeles	2:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	@ Nashville*	2:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	vs Nashville*	9:00 AM
Fri, Nov 21	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ Dallas	6:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs San Jose	3:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Utah	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Toronto	4:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Detroit	12:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	@ Columbus	3:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Calgary	3:30 PM
Sun, Jan 11	@ Boston	5:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Seattle	5:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	@ Calgary	9:30 PM
Thu, Jan 22	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Vancouver	6:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs NY Rangers	3:30 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs Vegas	1:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Philadelphia	5:30 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs Boston	4:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	@ Colorado	9:30 PM
Wed, Mar 18	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Winnipeg	1:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Carolina	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Dallas	5:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Florida	5:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	vs Florida	3:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Washington	3:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	@ Washington	3:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ St. Louis	9:30 PM

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GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP	
Joel Blomqvist	23	6-3	200	Left	Uusikaarlepyy, Fin.	52nd overall (2020)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	18	8-7-4	2.84	.914	
Gabriel D'Aigle	18	6-4	211	Left	Sorel-Tracy, Que.	84th overall (2025)	Victoriaville (QMJHL)	55	16-33-2	4.52	.883	
Tristan Jarry	30	6-2	195	Left	Surrey, B.C.	44th overall (2013)	Pittsburgh	36	16-12-6	3.12	.893	
Filip Larsson	27	6-2	194	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/29/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	26	12-9-3	2.84	.910	
Filip Lindberg	26	6-0	180	Left	Espoo, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	HPK/Tappara (Fin.)	16	7-7-2	2.43	.908	
Sergei Murashov	21	6-2	175	Right	Yaroslavl, Rus.	118th overall (2022)	Wheeling (ECHL)	26	17-7-1	2.40	.922	
Arturs Silovs	24	6-4	203	Left	Riga, Lat.	Trade: Van 7/13/25	Abbotsford (AHL)	21	14-5-2	2.41	.908	
DEFENSEMEN	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Sebastian Aho	29	5-10	176	Left	Umea, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	27	0	14	14	8
Alexander Alexeyev	25	6-4	229	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Washington	8	0	0	0	0
Quinn Beauchesne	18	6-0	184	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	148th overall (2025)	Guelph (OHL)	49	6	18	24	51
Harrison Brunicke	19	6-3	195	Right	Johannesburg, Rsa.	44th overall (2024)	Kamloops (WHL)	41	5	25	30	47
Connor Clifton	30	5-11	195	Right	Matawan, N.J.	Trade: Buf 6/28/25	Buffalo	73	1	15	16	45
Mathew Dumba	31	6-1	185	Right	Regina, Sask.	Trade: Dal 7/10/25	Dallas	63	1	9	10	60
Ryan Graves	30	6-5	222	Left	Yarmouth, N.S.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Pittsburgh	61	1	3	4	29
Finn Harding	20	6-2	192	Right	Toronto, Ont.	223rd overall (2024)	Brampton (OHL)	67	7	50	57	72
Caleb Jones	28	6-1	194	Left	Arlington, Texas	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ontario (AHL)	44	2	19	21	20
Kalle Kangas	20	6-4	205	Left	Vantaa, Fin.	223rd overall (2023)	HPK (Fin.)	41	0	5	5	14
Erik Karlsson	35	6-0	186	Right	Landsbro, Swe.	Trade: SJ 8/6/23	Pittsburgh	82	11	42	53	20
Philip Kemp	26	6-3	202	Right	Greenwich, Conn.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Bakersfield (AHL)	56	7	5	12	39
Peyton Kettles	18	6-5	190	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	39th overall (2025)	Swift Current (WHL)	53	5	9	14	65
Daniel Laatsch	23	6-5	182	Left	Altoona, Pa.	215th overall (2021)	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	22	2	3	5	2
Kris Letang	38	6-0	193	Right	Montreal, Que.	62nd overall (2005)	Pittsburgh	74	9	21	30	52
Brady Peddle	18	6-3	194	Left	Antigonish, N.S.	91st overall (2025)	Waterloo (USHL)	62	3	7	10	36
Owen Pickering	21	6-5	200	Left	St. Adolphe, Man.	21st overall (2022)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	47	2	11	13	10
Emil Pieniniemi	20	6-3	180	Left	Kuopio, Fin.	91st overall (2023)	Kingston (OHL)	60	10	50	60	18
Chase Pietila	21	6-2	186	Right	Howell, Mich.	111th overall (2024)	Michigan Tech (CCHA)	36	7	15	22	52
Ryan Shea	28	6-1	220	Left	Milton, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Pittsburgh	39	2	3	5	14
Jack St. Ivany	26	6-4	205	Right	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 8/20/22	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	37	1	15	16	25
Charlton Trethewey	18	6-1	200	Right	Baltimore, Md.	73rd overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	63	6	14	20	35
Joona Vaisanen	21	6-0	175	Right	Espoo, Fin.	175th overall (2024)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	4	22	26	12
Parker Wotherspoon	28	6-1	192	Left	Surrey, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Boston	55	1	6	7	10
CENTERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Noel Acciari	33	5-11	209	Right	Johnston, R.I.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Pittsburgh	79	5	7	12	16
Tristan Broz	22	6-0	205	Left	River Falls, Wis.	58th overall (2021)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	59	19	18	37	38
Sidney Crosby	38	5-11	200	Left	Cole Harbour, N.S.	1st overall (2005)	Pittsburgh	80	33	58	91	31
Kale Dach	18	5-10	165	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	201st overall (2025)	Sherwood Park (BCHL)	54	22	65	87	22
Luke Devlin	21	6-2	185	Left	Memphis, Tenn.	182nd overall (2022)	Cornell (ECAC)			DNP		
Connor Dewar	26	5-10	192	Left	The Pas, Man.	Trade: Tor 3/7/25	Toronto/Pittsburgh	48	4	6	10	14
Max Graham	21	6-3	203	Left	Whitehorse, Yukon	Trade: NJ 3/7/25	Kelowna (WHL)	34	13	22	35	79
Filip Hallander	25	6-1	190	Left	Sundsvall, Swe.	Trade: Tor 7/17/21	Timra (Swe.)	51	26	27	53	18
Danton Heinen	30	6-2	195	Left	Langley, B.C.	Trade: Van 1/31/25	Vancouver/Pittsburgh	79	9	20	29	31
William Horcoff	18	6-5	190	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	24th overall (2025)	Michigan (Big Ten)	18	4	6	10	6
Benjamin Kindel	18	5-10	176	Right	Coquitlam, B.C.	11th overall (2025)	Calgary (WHL)	65	35	64	99	39
Blake Lizotte	27	5-9	173	Left	Lindstrom, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Pittsburgh	59	11	9	20	26
Evgeni Malkin	39	6-5	210	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	2nd overall (2004)	Pittsburgh	68	16	34	50	42
Ryan Miller	18	6-0	177	Left	Medicine Hat, Alta.	130th overall (2025)	Portland (WHL)	50	16	15	31	48
Tommy Novak	28	6-1	179	Left	St. Paul, Minn.	Trade: Nsh 3/5/25	Nashville/Pittsburgh	54	13	9	22	4
Zam Plante	21	5-9	161	Left	Mannheim, Ger.	150th overall (2022)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	33	7	13	20	0
Vasiliy Ponomarev	23	5-10	180	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Car 3/7/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	55	15	26	41	44
Mac Swanson	19	5-8	167	Left	Nuremberg, Ger.	207th overall (2024)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	2	16	18	2
Kirill Tankov	23	6-1	180	Left	Yurga, Rus.	218th overall (2021)	SKA-Neva/Omsk (Rus.2)	25	7	4	11	43
Philip Tomasino	24	6-0	190	Right	Mississauga, Ont.	Trade: Nsh 11/25/24	Nashville/Pittsburgh	61	11	13	24	8
LEFT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Rafael Harvey-Pinard	26	5-9	181	Left	Saguenay, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Laval (AHL)	40	5	14	19	14
Tanner Howe	19	5-10	183	Left	Prince Albert, Sask.	46th overall (2024)	Regina/Calgary (WHL)	47	18	28	46	28
Bokondji Imama	29	6-1	221	Left	Montreal, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	24	3	2	5	47
Emil Jarventie	20	5-10	167	Left	Vantaa, Fin.	217th overall (2023)	Tappara (Fin.)	8	0	0	0	2
Ville Koivunen	22	5-11	161	Left	Oulu, Fin.	Trade: Car 3/7/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	63	21	35	56	52
Joona Koppanen	27	6-5	215	Left	Tampere, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	56	8	15	23	24
Carter Sanderson	18	6-1	196	Left	Lincoln, Neb.	169th overall (2025)	Muskegon (USHL)	48	5	6	11	62
RIGHT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Justin Brazeau	27	6-6	227	Right	New Liskeard, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Boston/Minnesota	76	11	11	22	18
Jordan Charron	18	6-1	188	Right	Hamilton, Ont.	154th overall (2025)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	48	10	11	21	47
Melvin Fernstrom	19	6-1	185	Right	Balsta, Swe.	Trade: Van 1/31/25	Orebro (Swe.)	48	8	9	17	4
Travis Hayes	18	5-11	175	Right	Westland, Mich.	105th overall (2025)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	65	21	30	51	61
Avery Hayes	22	5-10	184	Right	Westland, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 3/13/25	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	60	23	19	42	58
Kevin Hayes	33	6-5	216	Left	Dorchester, Mass.	Trade: StL 6/29/24	Pittsburgh	64	13	10	23	8
Mikhail Ilyin	20	6-3	191	Left	Cherepovets, Rus.	142nd overall (2023)	Cherepovets (KHL)	64	7	23	30	14
Cruz Lucius	21	6-0	178	Right	Lawrence, Kan.	Trade: Car 3/7/24	Arizona St. (NCHC)	19	2	8	10	14
Anthony Mantha	31	6-5	234	Left	Longueuil, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Calgary	13	4	3	7	11
Rutger McGroarty	21	6-1	203	Left	Lincoln, Neb.	Trade: Wpg 8/22/24	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	60	14	25	39	37
Sam Poulin	24	6-2	227	Left	Blainville, Que.	21st overall (2019)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	57	19	24	43	34
Valtteri Puustinen	26	5-10	182	Right	Kuopio, Fin.	203rd overall (2019)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	48	16	19	35	6
Rickard Rakell	32	6-1	191	Right	Sundbyberg, Swe.	Trade: Ana 3/21/22	Pittsburgh	81	35	35	70	14
Bryan Rust	33	5-11	198	Right	Pontiac, Mich.	80th overall (2010)	Pittsburgh	71	31	34	65	18
Bill Zonnon	18	6-2	185	Left	Montreal, Que.	22nd overall (2025)	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)	64	28	55	83	32

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
44-30-8 (.585)

OVERTIME
8-6

SHOOTOUT
4-2

OVERALL
14th

OFFENSE
3.05 GPG (13th)

DEFENSE
2.82 GAA (11th)

POWER PLAY
22.1% (16th)

PENALTY KILL
74.2% (28th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.24 (30th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.31 (5th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
R. Thomas (19:57)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
C. Parayko (23:45)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Jim Montgomery

GM
Doug Armstrong

CAPTAIN
Brayden Schenn

ARENA
Enterprise Center

CAPACITY
18,096

AHL AFFILIATE
Springfield Thunderbirds

ECHL AFFILIATE
Florida Everblades

BY LOU KORAC

IT WAS BACK TO familiar ground for the St. Louis Blues in 2024-25, returning to the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 2022. Before that stretch, the last time the Blues missed the post-season in consecutive years was 2009-10 and 2010-11.

The Blues, who posted a record of 44-30-8 last season, clinched the second wild card in the Western Conference and met the Presidents' Trophy-winning Winnipeg Jets in the first round – taking them to seven games before falling 4-3 in double overtime in the winner-take-all game. It's evident the retool is at the end or close to over, and the team expects to be a regular playoff participant. But the theme continues to be to incorporate youth in with a mix of veteran players. Coach Jim Montgomery will begin his first full season with the team after being hired to replace Drew Bannister in November.

>OFFENSE

St. Louis returns its main core on offense, except for promising young winger Zack Bolduc, who was traded to the Montreal Canadiens for defenseman Logan Mailloux, and fourth-line center Radek Faksa, who returned to the Dallas Stars in free agency. The Blues addressed the need for a center by signing Pius Suter (two years, $4.125-million AAV) and Nick Bjugstad (two years, $1.75-million AAV). Robert Thomas returns as the top center after leading the team with 81 points. Jordan Kyrou, who led St. Louis with 36 goals, was the subject of trade rumors

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throughout the off-season but remains a Blue. Dylan Holloway (26 goals, 63 points) had a terrific first season in St. Louis.

>DEFENSE

The Blues looked to get somewhat younger on the blueline and did so by bringing in 22-year-old Mailloux. The team lost 34-year-old Nick Leddy, who was claimed on waivers by the San Jose Sharks in July, and 40-year-old Ryan Suter, who became a UFA. Cam Fowler was excellent after being acquired from the Anaheim Ducks last December. He will play an important veteran role along with Colton Parayko and Justin Faulk. Philip Broberg, like Holloway, had a strong first season after signing an offer sheet last August.

>GOALTENDING

St. Louis will once again be in good hands between the pipes, with Jordan Binnington and Joel Hofer returning as a 1A and 1B tandem. Binnington, who has two years left on his deal and was in goal for Canada at the 4 Nations Face-Off, posted a goals-against average of 2.69 last season, his lowest since 2020-21. Hofer, 25, took himself out of the running for arbitration or a potential offer sheet when he signed a two-year, $6.8-million contract June 28.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

From Jan. 1 to the end of the season, the Blues' power play significantly improved. They scored at a 26.7 percent rate over that span, which ranked fifth in the NHL. After starting the season near the bottom of the league, the Blues finished 16th overall. The penalty kill will need a drastic overhaul and improvement after finishing 28th at 74.2 percent. Pius Suter was brought in specifically for that purpose after being part of a Canucks penalty-killing unit that was third in the league. Thomas and Pavel Buchnevich will again feature on the top PP and PK units. Bjugstad will get a look as a penalty-killer.

>INTANGIBLES

Brayden Schenn returns for his third season as captain, and the Blues boast an experienced group with Thomas, Faulk, Parayko and Fowler as players who have worn letters. Adding Mailloux (6-foot-3, 215 pounds) and giving Tyler Tucker (6-foot-1, 205) a chance to play in the top six gives the Blues more muscle on the blueline. Nathan Walker brings grit up front. He was seventh in the NHL with a career-high 281 hits last season.

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>ROOKIES

Mailloux, who has played in just eight NHL games since being drafted in the first round in 2021, is almost a shoo-in to have a spot on the blueline. Meanwhile, Dalibor Dvorsky, the 10th pick in the 2023 draft, will be given the opportunity to make the opening-night roster, perhaps on the wing to ease him into the league before making a full-time push to his natural position at center.

>X-FACTOR

As good as he was in his first year in St. Louis, if the 23-year-old Holloway can exceed the 63 points he put up last season, the Blues will be a dangerous squad. They missed him dearly against the Jets, after he was sidelined the entire playoffs due to a left-hip injury sustained in April.

>THE BRASS

Signed to a five-year contract when he was first hired, Montgomery went 35-18-7 after taking over for Bannister. Doug Armstrong will relinquish his GM duties once Alexander Steen takes over in 2026, but he will remain as president of hockey operations. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Pavel Buchnevich	1. Robert Thomas	1. Jordan Kyrou
2. Dylan Holloway	2. Brayden Schenn	2. Jake Neighbours
3. Dalibor Dvorsky	3. Pius Suter	3. Jimmy Snuggerud
4. Nathan Walker	4. Nick Bjugstad	4. Alexey Toropchenko
5. Alexandre Texier	5. Oskar Sundqvist	5. Mathieu Joseph

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Colton Parayko	6. Logan Mailloux	1. Jordan Binnington
2. Justin Faulk	7. Matthew Kessel	2. Joel Hofer
3. Cam Fowler	8. Corey Schuenemann	3. Colten Ellis
4. Philip Broberg	9. Theo Lindstein	
5. Tyler Tucker	10. Adam Jiricek	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Zack Bolduc, RW; Radek Faksa, C; Ryan Suter, D; Nick Leddy, D

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Jimmy Snuggerud
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Minnesota (Big Ten)
Instant-impact scorer with big-league shot and goal-scoring mentality. He's headed for top six.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Dalibor Dvorsky
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Springfield (AHL)
Rookie standout in AHL thanks to playmaking and instincts. Physical development the last step.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Adam Jiricek
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Brantford (OHL)
Physical defender cuts out passes, steps into shooting lanes and never cheats to create offense.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

4. Justin Carbonneau
Pos RW **Age** 18
2024-25 Blainville-Bois. (QMJHL)
Can command the ice but hasn't done so with regularity yet. Learning to do so will raise his game.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. Logan Mailloux
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Laval (AHL)
Undeniable offensive talent. But at the moment, defensive errors seem unavoidable. High upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

6. Otto Stenberg
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Springfield (AHL)
Forget the numbers. It's the substance that matters. He drives hard and pays price to contribute.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Theo Lindstein
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Brynas (Swe.)
Adding size will help him defend against bigger opponents. No concern about his playmaking tools.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Colin Ralph
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 St. Cloud State (NCHC)
Skates better than many defenders his size. At 6-foot-4, he uses his wingspan to his advantage.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Lukas Fischer
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Sarnia (OHL)
Uses vision to hit space with speed or make crisp pass. AHL experience to end last season.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Aleksanteri Kaskimaki
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Springfield (AHL)
Good in tight and committed two-way game. Knows ugly goals count the same as highlight-reel ones.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

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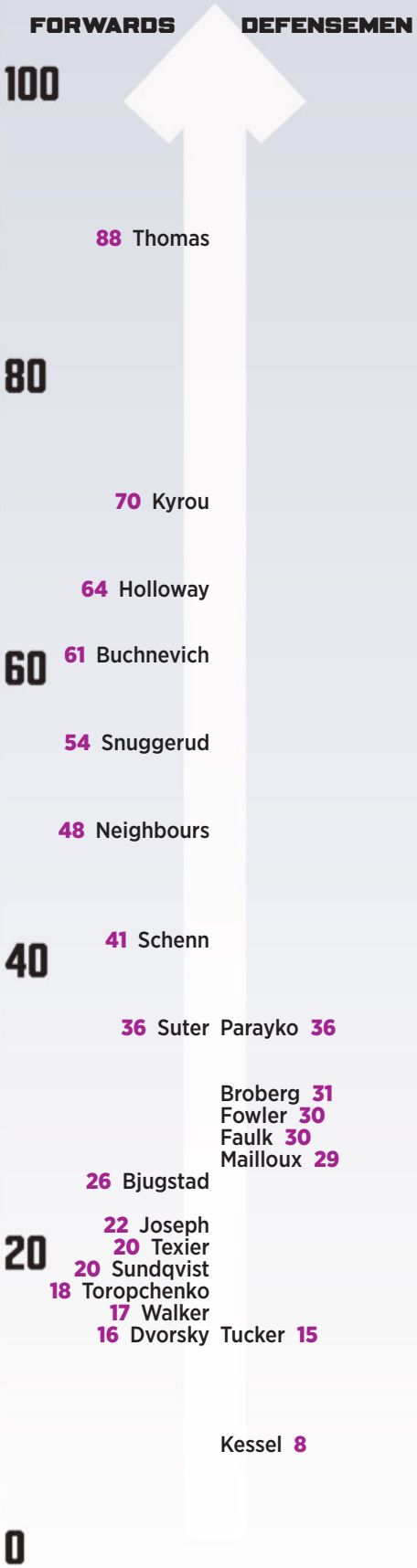
2025-26 PROJECTIONS



SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Calgary	4:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Vancouver	7:30 PM
Wed, Oct 15	vs Chicago	9:30 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Los Angeles	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Utah	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 27	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Detroit	8:15 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Vancouver	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	vs Edmonton	8:30 PM
Wed, Nov 5	@ Washington	7:30 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	vs Philadelphia	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ NY Islanders	3:30 PM
Mon, Nov 24	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Ottawa	4:00 PM
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Mon, Dec 1	vs Anaheim	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
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Thu, Dec 11	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
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Wed, Dec 17	vs Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Florida	6:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Buffalo	8:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	vs Vegas	3:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Montreal	4:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	@ Chicago	9:30 PM
Fri, Jan 9	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Carolina	8:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	vs Tampa Bay	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 18	@ Edmonton	8:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Los Angeles	8:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Florida	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Dallas	9:30 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Seattle	8:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ Minnesota	6:30 PM
Wed, Mar 4	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Anaheim	9:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs NY Islanders	7:30 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 13	vs Edmonton	8:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Winnipeg	3:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	@ Calgary	9:30 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Vancouver	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Washington	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs San Jose	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Fri, Apr 3	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ Colorado	9:30 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Colorado	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Chicago	5:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Minnesota	8:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Pittsburgh	9:30 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Utah	8:00 PM

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St. Louis BLUES

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Jordan Binnington	32	6-2	172	Left	Richmond Hill, Ont.	88th overall (2011)	St. Louis	56	28-22-5	2.69	.900
Will Cranley	23	6-4	185	Left	Peterborough, Ont.	163rd overall (2020)	Florida (ECHL)	23	11-9-3	2.71	.896
Colten Ellis	24	6-1	185	Left	Whycocomagh, N.S.	93rd overall (2019)	Springfield (AHL)	42	22-14-5	2.63	.922
Love Harenstam	18	6-1	196	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	179th overall (2025)	Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)	19	10-9-0	3.31	.895
Joel Hofer	25	6-5	179	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	107th overall (2018)	St. Louis	31	16-8-3	2.65	.904
Vadim Zherenko	24	6-2	176	Left	Moscow, Rus.	208th overall (2019)	Springfield (AHL)	32	12-17-5	3.44	.897

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Philip Broberg	24	6-4	212	Left	Orebro, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 8/13/24	St. Louis	68	8	21	29	16
Michael Buchinger	21	5-11	178	Left	Markham, Ont.	88th overall (2022)	Springfield (AHL)	51	2	7	9	33
Quinton Burns	20	6-1	180	Left	Smith Falls, Ont.	74th overall (2023)	Kingston (OHL)	66	8	41	49	100
Justin Faulk	33	6-0	214	Right	South St. Paul, Minn.	Trade: Car 9/24/19	St. Louis	78	4	28	32	30
Lukas Fischer	19	6-3	173	Left	Pontiac, Mich.	56th overall (2024)	Sarnia (OHL)	51	15	22	37	81
Cam Fowler	33	6-2	210	Left	Windsor, Ont.	Trade: Ana 12/14/24	Anaheim/St. Louis	68	9	31	40	14
Marc-Andre Gaudet	21	6-3	180	Left	Moncton, N.B.	152nd overall (2022)	Florida (ECHL)	12	4	6	10	0
Adam Jiricek	19	6-3	178	Right	Klatovy, Cze.	16th overall (2024)	Brantford (OHL)	27	4	8	12	6
Samuel Johannesson	24	5-11	176	Right	Halmstad, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/30/24	Springfield (AHL)	66	5	27	32	6
Matthew Kessel	25	6-2	205	Right	Phoenix, Ariz.	150th overall (2020)	St. Louis	29	0	3	3	10
Arseni Koromyslov	21	6-3	180	Left	Zelenograd, Rus.	120th overall (2022)	Togliatti/St. Pete./Chel. (KHL)	60	3	10	13	24
Torey Krug	34	5-9	194	Left	Livonia, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 10/9/20	St. Louis			DNP		
Theo Lindstein	20	6-1	180	Left	Gavle, Swe.	29th overall (2023)	Brynas (Swe.)	44	4	5	9	6
Leo Loof	23	6-2	176	Left	Karlstad, Swe.	88th overall (2020)	Springfield (AHL)	63	0	17	17	66
Logan Mailloux	22	6-3	213	Right	Belle River, Ont.	Trade: Mtl 7/1/25	Laval (AHL)	63	12	21	33	74
Matthew Mayich	20	6-2	187	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	170th overall (2023)	Ottawa (OHL)	66	7	35	42	81
William McIsaac	19	6-3	192	Right	Vancouver, B.C.	145th overall (2024)	Spokane (WHL)	66	6	31	37	63
Colton Parayko	32	6-6	228	Right	St. Albert, Alta.	86th overall (2012)	St. Louis	64	16	20	36	8
Colin Ralph	19	6-4	216	Left	Maple Grove, Minn.	48th overall (2024)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	35	1	7	8	20
Corey Schueneman	30	5-11	197	Left	Milford, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Springfield (AHL)	63	4	16	20	24
Hunter Skinner	24	6-3	205	Right	Wyandotte, Mich.	Trade: NYR 2/9/23	Springfield (AHL)	71	8	15	23	98
Tyler Tucker	25	6-1	204	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	200th overall (2018)	St. Louis	38	3	4	7	55

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Mikhail Abramov	24	5-11	170	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Tor 2/17/23	Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)	38	11	7	18	6
Nikita Alexandrov	25	6-1	177	Left	Burgwedel, Ger.	62nd overall (2019)	Springfield (AHL)	48	21	28	49	20
Nick Bjugstad	33	6-5	205	Right	Minneapolis, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Utah	66	8	11	19	16
Zach Dean	22	6-0	176	Left	Grande Prairie, Alta.	Trade: Veg 2/26/23	Springfield (AHL)	11	1	3	4	2
Antoine Dorion	19	6-1	190	Right	Orleans, Ont.	209th overall (2024)	Quebec (QMJHL)	56	10	5	15	40
Dalibor Dvorsky	20	6-1	201	Left	Zvolen, Svk.	10th overall (2023)	Springfield (AHL)	61	21	24	45	22
Dylan Holloway	24	6-1	206	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 8/13/24	St. Louis	77	26	37	63	10
Adam Jecho	19	6-5	197	Right	Zlin, Cze.	95th overall (2024)	Edmonton (WHL)	56	25	28	53	25
Aleksanteri Kaskimaki	21	5-11	181	Left	Espoo, Fin.	73rd overall (2022)	Springfield (AHL)	63	11	23	34	8
Matvei Korotky	19	6-2	198	Right	Krasnoyarsk, Rus.	211th overall (2024)	St. Petersburg (KHL)	30	5	4	9	4
Jordan Kyrou	27	6-1	196	Right	Toronto, Ont.	35th overall (2016)	St. Louis	82	36	34	70	20
Tomas Mrsic	19	5-11	170	Left	Richmond, B.C.	113th overall (2024)	Prince Albert (WHL)	65	33	57	90	36
Dylan Peterson	23	6-4	192	Right	Roseville, Calif.	86th overall (2020)	Springfield (AHL)	52	13	9	22	82
Brayden Schenn	34	6-1	199	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: Phi 6/23/17	St. Louis	82	18	32	50	61
Jakub Stancl	20	6-3	201	Left	Prague, Cze.	106th overall (2023)	Kelowna (WHL)	58	23	34	57	34
Otto Stenberg	20	5-11	180	Left	Stenungsund, Swe.	25th overall (2023)	Springfield (AHL)	38	5	12	17	4
Oskar Sundqvist	31	6-3	220	Right	Boden, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/12/23	St. Louis	67	6	14	20	32
Pius Suter	29	5-11	179	Left	Zurich, Sui.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Vancouver	81	25	21	46	18
Alexandre Texier	26	6-1	201	Left	St-Martin-d'Heres, Fra.	Trade: Clb 6/28/24	St. Louis	31	6	5	11	10
Robert Thomas	26	6-0	207	Right	Aurora, Ont.	20th overall (2017)	St. Louis	70	21	60	81	20

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Pavel Buchnevich	30	6-1	196	Left	Cherepovets, Rus.	Trade: NYR 7/23/21	St. Louis	76	20	37	57	23
Ondrej Kos	19	6-2	167	Left	Kurim, Cze.	81st overall (2024)	Ilves (Fin.)	26	3	2	5	3
Hugh McGing	27	5-8	176	Left	Chicago, Ill.	138th overall (2018)	Springfield (AHL)	68	14	20	34	60
Jake Neighbours	23	6-0	201	Left	Calgary, Alta.	26th overall (2020)	St. Louis	82	22	24	46	56
Juraj Pekarcik	20	6-1	183	Left	Trstena, Svk.	76th overall (2023)	Moncton (QMJHL)	53	24	43	67	16
Nathan Walker	31	5-9	187	Left	Cardiff, Gbr.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	St. Louis	73	8	8	16	63

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Justin Carbonneau	18	6-1	191	Right	Levis, Que.	19th overall (2025)	Blainville-Boisbriand (QMJHL)	62	46	43	89	61
Mikhail Fyodorov	18	5-11	152	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	147th overall (2025)	Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)	45	17	26	43	8
Mathieu Joseph	28	6-1	186	Left	Laval, Que.	Trade: Ott 7/2/24	St. Louis	60	4	10	14	28
Matt Luff	28	6-2	196	Right	Oakville, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Charlotte/Springfield (AHL)	56	20	29	49	42
Simon Robertsson	22	6-0	190	Left	Pitea, Swe.	71st overall (2021)	Springfield (AHL)	26	6	7	13	12
Jimmy Snuggerud	21	6-1	186	Right	Minneapolis, Minn.	23rd overall (2022)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	40	24	27	51	29
Nikita Susuyev	20	6-0	172	Left	Ussuriysk, Rus.	202nd overall (2023)	Spa. Mos. Jr. /Prim. Krai Jr. (Rus.)	21	6	6	12	16
Alexey Toropchenko	26	6-6	222	Left	Moscow, Rus.	113th overall (2017)	St. Louis	80	4	14	18	25
Ivan Vorobyov	23	5-11	156	Right	Surgut, Rus.	198th overall (2021)	Vityaz Moscow Region (KHL)	60	13	13	26	14

San Jose SHARKS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
20-50-12 (.317)

OVERTIME
4-7

SHOOTOUT
2-5

OVERALL
32nd

OFFENSE
2.54 (32nd)

DEFENSE
3.78 (32nd)

POWER PLAY
18.6% (26th)

PENALTY KILL
74.2% (27th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.23 (31st)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.84 (30th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
M. Granlund (20:51)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. Walman (23:11)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Ryan Warsofsky

GM
Mike Grier

CAPTAIN
Vacant

ARENA
SAP Center

CAPACITY
17,435

AHL AFFILIATE
San Jose Barracuda

ECHL AFFILIATE
Wichita Thunder

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BY CURTIS PASHELKA

SINCE BEING HIRED AS the San Jose Sharks' GM in 2022, Mike Grier has preached patience as he dismantled the roster and laid the foundation for future success. Now, after another busy off-season, Grier is confident the Sharks' days as cellar dwellers have come to an end.

The Sharks finished 2024-25 with an NHL-low 52 points, marking the second consecutive year they've been at the bottom of the standings. No NHL team scored fewer goals per game (2.54) or allowed more (3.78). However, the Sharks are hoping that growth from their younger players, combined with the addition of several veterans, will lead to significant improvement.

>OFFENSE

Macklin Celebrini led the Sharks in scoring as a rookie last season with 63 points in 70 games, and he will be counted on to lead the offense again. Celebrini will be supported in the top six by fellow youngsters Will Smith and William Eklund, returning veterans Tyler Toffoli and Alexander Wennberg and free-agent addition Jeff Skinner. The Sharks traded their top offensive defenseman – Jake Walman – to Edmonton in March but feel they have a capable replacement in John Klingberg, who was with the Oilers during their run to the final. Klingberg, who will likely quarterback the Sharks' top power-play unit, said his body feels as good now as it has in years after he spent more than a year working his way back from double hip-resurfacing surgery.

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>DEFENSE

Improving the D-corps was Grier's top priority this off-season. Gone from the blueline are Walman, Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Jan Rutta, Cody Ceci and Henry Thrun, replaced by free-agent signings Klingberg and Dmitry Orlov and waiver claim Nick Leddy. Orlov, Klingberg, Leddy and Mario Ferraro, now the Sharks' longest-tenured player, will comprise the top four, with Shakir Mukhamadullin, Timothy Liljegren and Vincent Desharnais also in the mix. The wild card for the Sharks is Sam Dickinson, the 11th-overall pick from 2024, who had an outstanding season with the OHL's London Knights. Having turned 19 in June, Dickinson will have to go back to the OHL if he doesn't earn a Sharks roster spot in camp. But the Sharks will make room for Dickinson if he shows he's ready.

>GOALTENDING

The Sharks' top three goalies from last season, Mackenzie Blackwood, Alexandar Georgiev and Vitek Vanecek, are all gone. Not a surprise since the Sharks had the league's 30th-best save percentage at .881. But the Sharks feel they finally have someone to build around in Yaroslav Askarov, who appears ready for a full-time NHL role. They also acquired Alex Nedeljkovic from the Penguins, and Grier wants to see competition between the two.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Sharks had the 26th-ranked power play (18.6 percent) and the 27th-ranked penalty kill (74.2 percent) last season, marking a regression in both areas from the year before. The hope is some added familiarity between Celebrini, Smith, Toffoli and Eklund, along with the additions of Skinner and Klingberg, will help. There are openings on the second PP unit, with the likes of Orlov, Liljegren, Wennberg and even Collin Graf battling for time. The PK ranked 10th at 80.9 percent at the end of November, but things fell apart after Blackwood was traded in early December. So, not surprisingly, goaltending will be key in getting the kill back to respectability.

>INTANGIBLES

Ryan Warsofsky made mistakes in his first year as an NHL coach, and his professional growth could go a long way in determining how much the Sharks improve. After a 20-50-12 season in San Jose, the 37-year-old Warsofsky coached Team USA to its first World Championship gold medal in 92 years. The Sharks, in time, aim to emulate the style of the Florida Panthers and Winnipeg Jets with a hard, heavy and fast approach. Can they get closer to that identity this season?

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>ROOKIES

The Sharks have the league's best prospect pool. Now, it's a matter of who can crack the roster. Can Askarov become a true No. 1 goalie? Can Dickinson or fellow defenseman Luca Cagnoni or forwards Michael Misa, Igor Chernyshov and Quentin Musty make an immediate impact at the NHL level?

>X-FACTOR

If the Sharks want to climb the standings, they'll have to be better in the third period. Last season, they were 12-8-5, with a league-worst .580 points percentage, when they led before the start of the third period. They were also a dismal 6-10-2 when tied after two periods.

>THE BRASS

Sharks owner Hasso Plattner deserves credit for allowing Grier to execute a full rebuild, even though that meant a significant drop in attendance and, presumably, revenues. But if the Sharks come out of this as legitimate Cup contenders for years to come, that patience will have paid off. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. William Eklund	1. Macklin Celebrini	1. Tyler Toffoli
2. Jeff Skinner	2. Alexander Wennberg	2. Will Smith
3. Barclay Goodrow	3. Philipp Kurashev	3. Adam Gaudette
4. Carl Grundstrom	4. Zack Ostapchuk	4. Ty Dellandrea
5. Ryan Reaves	5. Colin White	5. Collin Graf

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Dmitry Orlov	6. Timothy Liljegren	1. Yaroslav Askarov
2. Mario Ferraro	7. Vincent Desharnais	2. Alex Nedeljkovic
3. John Klingberg	8. Sam Dickinson	3. Jakub Skarek
4. Nick Leddy	9. Luca Cagnoni	
5. Shakir Mukhamadullin	10. Jack Thompson	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Marc-Edouard Vlasic, D; Alexandar Georgiev, G; Jan Rutta, D; Klim Kostin, C; Nikolai Kovalenko, RW; Noah Gregor, LW; Henry Thrun, D; Danil Gushchin, LW; Georgi Romanov, G; Jimmy Schuldt, D

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Michael Misa
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Saginaw (OHL)
Sharpshooting pivot has improved his 200-foot game. That's going to be paramount to NHL success.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Sam Dickinson
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 London (OHL)
Smooth operator is becoming two-way dynamo. Mem Cup champ named top 'D' in OHL and CHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Quentin Musty
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Sudbury (OHL)
Rocky year, but tools are undeniable. What might set him apart is ability to use frame to create.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Joshua Ravensbergen
Pos G **Age** 18
2024-25 Prince George (WHL)
Stunningly fast in his crease for a 6-foot-5 keeper. He uses his size well and challenges shooters.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

5. Simon Wang
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Oshawa (OHL)
Truly gifted skater with good gap control and physical assets. Blue-liner has boom-bust potential.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

6. Shakir Mukhamadullin
Pos D **Age** 23
2024-25 San Jose (AHL)
Ability to use size and stick to disrupt in own zone is foundation that his game can be built on.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

7. Igor Chernyshov
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Saginaw (OHL)
Needs just split second to produce. Can create his own opportunities with blazing speed down wing.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Filip Bystedt
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 San Jose (AHL)
Taste of AHL in 2023-24 let him bed in for first full year. He's versatile and packs scoring touch.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Kasper Halttunen
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 London (OHL)
Tee him up and he'll hammer the puck. Getting to next level will require focusing on small details.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Cole McKinney
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 USA U18 (NTDP)
Works tail off to get to scoring areas and commits to 200-foot game. He led U.S. NTDP in scoring.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS		DEFENSEMEN
100		
80		
	70 Celebrini	
	63 Eklund	
60		
	57 Toffoli	
	54 Smith	
	47 Misa	
40		
	34 Wennberg	Dickinson 31
		Orlov 27
	26 Kurashev	Klingberg 26
	25 Gaudette	
	23 Dellandrea	
20	20 Goodrow	Leddy 20
		Liljegren 19
		Ferraro 19
	15 Grundstrom	
	8 Ostapchuk	
	6 Reaves	
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Fri, Oct 17	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Pittsburgh	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 24	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Los Angeles	11:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs New Jersey	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Colorado	4:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2	vs Detroit	8:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 7	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Florida	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Boston	8:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Vancouver	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 3	vs Washington	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ Carolina	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs Minnesota	4:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Tampa Bay	4:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Dallas	4:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs NY Rangers	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Calgary	4:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Edmonton	4:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs Winnipeg	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Montreal	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	vs St. Louis	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs NY Islanders	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Ottawa	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Buffalo	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs Philadelphia	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Columbus	5:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	vs St. Louis	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Toronto	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 8	vs Edmonton	10:30 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Wed, Apr 15	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

San Jose SHARKS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Yaroslav Askarov	23	6-3	178	Right	Omsk, Rus.	Trade: Nsh 8/23/24	San Jose (AHL)	22	11-9-2	2.45	.923
Gabriel Carriere	24	6-2	185	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/7/25	Wichita (ECHL)	25	14-9-2	2.60	.922
Christian Kirsch	19	6-4	195	Left	Therwil, Sui.	116th overall (2024)	Janesville (NAHL)	24	8-15-0	3.16	.912
Yaroslav Korostelyov	20	6-1	160	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	194th overall (2024)	SKA-1946 Jr. (Rus.)	27	20-3-0	1.53	.936
Alex Nedeljkovic	29	6-0	203	Left	Parma, Ohio	Trade: Pit 7/1/25	Pittsburgh	38	14-15-5	3.12	.894
Joshua Ravensbergen	18	6-5	190	Right	North Vancouver, B.C.	30th overall (2025)	Prince George (WHL)	51	33-13-4	3.00	.901
Jakub Skarek	25	6-4	211	Left	Jihlava, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/10/25	Bridgeport (AHL)	22	5-13-1	3.52	.884

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Eli Barnett	22	6-6	219	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	195th overall (2022)	Vermont (HE)	8	0	0	0	2
Noah Beck	24	6-4	184	Left	Richmond Hill, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/25	Arizona St. (NCHC)	37	5	28	33	28
Luca Cagnoni	20	5-9	180	Left	Burnaby, B.C.	123rd overall (2023)	San Jose (AHL)	64	16	36	52	28
Lucas Carlsson	28	6-0	190	Left	Gavle, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	San Jose (AHL)	45	10	13	23	26
Cole Clayton	25	6-2	198	Right	Strathmore, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Cleveland (AHL)	63	1	14	15	37
Vincent Desharnais	29	6-7	226	Right	Laval, Que.	Trade: Pit 3/5/25	Vancouver/Pittsburgh/San Jose	51	0	3	3	45
Sam Dickinson	19	6-3	205	Left	Toronto, Ont.	11th overall (2024)	London (OHL)	55	29	62	91	39
Mario Ferraro	27	6-0	209	Left	Toronto, Ont.	49th overall (2017)	San Jose	78	5	12	17	53
Michael Fisher	21	6-2	200	Right	Westborough, Mass.	76th overall (2022)	Penticton (BCHL)	35	2	14	16	41
Jake Furlong	21	6-1	189	Left	Labrador City, Nfld.	140th overall (2022)	San Jose (AHL)	66	1	7	8	18
Artem Guryev	22	6-4	225	Left	Moscow, Rus.	135th overall (2021)	Wichita (ECHL)	47	2	3	5	26
Mattias Havelid	21	5-10	170	Right	Taby, Swe.	45th overall (2022)	Linkoping (Swe.)	19	0	1	1	4
John Klingberg	33	6-2	185	Right	Gothenburg, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Edmonton	11	1	3	4	8
Axel Landen	20	6-1	185	Right	Jonkoping, Swe.	130th overall (2023)	Oskarshamn (Swe.2)	45	2	6	8	29
Gannon Laroque	22	6-2	200	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	103rd overall (2021)	San Jose (AHL)			DNP		
Nick Leddy	34	6-0	205	Left	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Waivers: StL 7/3/25	St. Louis	31	2	3	5	2
Timothy Liljegren	26	6-1	201	Right	Kristianstad, Swe.	Trade: Tor 10/31/24	Toronto/San Jose	68	6	11	17	38
Ilyas Magomedsultanov	18	6-2	176	Left	Livny, Rus.	115th overall (2025)	Loko-76 Jr./Loko Jr. (Rus.)	43	1	8	9	43
Nate Misskey	20	6-3	210	Right	Melfort, Sask.	143rd overall (2024)	Victoria (WHL)	63	10	37	47	32
Shakir Mukhamadullin	23	6-4	200	Left	Ufa, Rus.	Trade: NJ 2/26/23	San Jose (AHL)	21	0	9	9	6
Dmitry Orlov	34	5-11	214	Left	Novokuznetsk, Rus.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/25	Carolina	76	6	22	28	24
Eric Pohlkamp	21	5-10	200	Right	Baxter, Minn.	132nd overall (2023)	Denver (NCHC)	44	11	24	35	22
Colton Roberts	19	6-4	200	Right	North Vancouver, B.C.	131st overall (2024)	Vancouver (WHL)	66	6	30	36	84
Leo Sahlin Wallenius	19	6-0	176	Left	Skovde, Swe.	53rd overall (2024)	Vaxjo (Swe.)	16	1	4	5	0
Zachary Sharp	20	6-1	180	Left	Naperville, Ill.	124th overall (2025)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	5	4	9	12
Jack Thompson	23	6-1	189	Right	Courtice, Ont.	Trade: TB 3/7/24	San Jose	31	4	6	10	10
Simon Wang	18	6-6	215	Left	Beijing, Chn.	33rd overall (2025)	Oshawa (OHL)	32	0	2	2	19

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Shane Bowers	26	6-2	186	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Trade: NJ 7/2/25	Utica (AHL)	65	3	14	17	27
Filip Bystedt	21	6-2	187	Left	Norrkoping, Swe.	27th overall (2022)	San Jose (AHL)	50	12	19	31	26
Macklin Celebrini	19	6-0	190	Left	North Vancouver, B.C.	1st overall (2024)	San Jose	70	25	38	63	28
Sasha Chmelevski	26	6-0	188	Right	Huntington Beach, Calif.	185th overall (2017)	Ufa (KHL)	68	25	32	57	49
Logan Couture	36	6-1	206	Left	Guelph, Ont.	9th overall (2007)	San Jose			DNP		
Ty Dellandrea	25	6-2	190	Right	Port Perry, Ont.	Trade: Dal 6/19/24	San Jose	68	1	7	8	59
Adam Gaudette	28	6-1	187	Right	Braintree, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Ottawa	81	19	7	26	12
Barclay Goodrow	32	6-2	209	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Waivers: NYR 6/19/24	San Jose	77	5	3	8	75
Max Heise	19	6-3	169	Right	Calgary, Alta.	150th overall (2025)	Penticton (BCHL)	50	27	13	40	25
Jimmy Huntington	26	6-0	200	Left	Laval, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	4	1	3	4	0
David Klee	20	6-2	185	Left	Castle Rock, Colo.	196th overall (2023)	Muskegon (USHL)	58	19	26	45	111
Philipp Kurashev	25	6-0	190	Left	Munsingen, Sui.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Chicago	51	7	7	14	14
Reese Laubach	21	5-11	170	Right	San Jose, Calif.	217th overall (2022)	Penn State (Big Ten)	35	15	15	30	59
Cameron Lund	21	6-2	195	Right	Bridgewater, Mass.	34th overall (2022)	Northeastern (HE)	37	18	22	40	14
Cole McKinney	18	6-0	200	Right	Lake Forest, Ill.	53rd overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	60	27	34	61	61
Michael Misa	18	6-1	184	Left	Oakville, Ont.	2nd overall (2025)	Saginaw (OHL)	65	62	72	134	45
Teddy Mutryn	18	6-1	210	Right	Norwell, Mass.	95th overall (2025)	Chicago/USA U18 (USHL)	51	18	14	32	75
Zack Ostapchuk	22	6-4	212	Left	St. Albert, Alta.	Trade: Ott 3/7/25	Ottawa/San Jose	56	1	3	4	45
Will Smith	20	6-0	181	Right	Boston, Mass.	4th overall (2023)	San Jose	74	18	27	45	18
Brandon Svoboda	20	6-3	205	Right	Pittsburgh, PA.	71st overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	33	7	2	9	29
Alex Wennberg	31	6-2	190	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	San Jose	77	10	25	35	14
Colin White	28	6-1	195	Right	Boston, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 1/24/25	San Jose (AHL)	48	12	13	25	32
Alex Young	24	5-11	170	Right	Calgary, Alta.	196th overall (2020)	Adirondack/Atlanta (ECHL)	54	13	19	32	18

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Egor Afanasyev	24	6-4	211	Left	Tver, Rus.	Trade: Nsh 6/23/24	CSKA Moscow (KHL)	53	7	14	21	14
Igor Chernyshov	19	6-2	195	Right	Penza, Rus.	33rd overall (2024)	Saginaw (OHL)	23	19	36	55	6
William Eklund	22	5-11	181	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	7th overall (2021)	San Jose	77	17	41	58	29
Richard Gallant	18	5-8	166	Left	Nashua, N.H.	210th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	66	29	24	53	32
Samuel Laberge	28	6-2	206	Left	Chateauguay, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Utica (AHL)	38	3	1	4	76
Quentin Musty	20	6-2	200	Left	Hamburg, N.Y.	26th overall (2023)	Sudbury (OHL)	33	30	29	59	14
Pavol Regenda	25	6-3	215	Left	Michalovce, Svk.	Trade: Ana 1/22/25	San Diego/San Jose (AHL)	72	13	28	41	66
Jeff Skinner	33	5-11	200	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/11/25	Edmonton	72	16	13	29	26

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Ethan Cardwell	23	5-11	180	Right	Oshawa, Ont.	121st overall (2021)	San Jose (AHL)	63	11	37	48	40
Patrick Giles	25	6-5	218	Right	Chevy Chase, Md.	Trade: Fla 3/5/25	Charlotte/San Jose (AHL)	8	4	0	4	6
Collin Graf	23	6-1	194	Right	Lincoln, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 4/4/24	San Jose (AHL)	40	8	27	35	12
Carl Grundstrom	27	6-0	200	Left	Umea, Swe.	Trade: LA 6/27/24	San Jose	56	3	6	9	24
Kasper Halttunen	20	6-3	215	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	36th overall (2023)	London (OHL)	38	21	20	41	38
Martin Kaut	25	6-2	190	Right	Brno, Cze.	Trade: Col 1/25/23	Pardubice (Cze.)	48	19	21	40	16
Joey Muldowney	21	5-11	155	Right	Lakeview, N.Y.	172nd overall (2022)	Connecticut (HE)	39	29	18	47	12
Oskar Olausson	22	6-1	180	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	Trade: Col 7/25/25	Colorado (AHL)	61	11	15	26	26
Ryan Reaves	38	6-2	225	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	Trade: Tor 7/10/25	Toronto	35	0	2	2	28
Yegor Rimashevskiy	20	6-3	185	Left	Zhlobin, Blr.	203rd overall (2023)	Dynamo Moscow (KHL)	58	7	8	15	18
Timofey Spitserov	23	5-11	174	Left	Moscow, Rus.	210th overall (2020)	Vermont (HE)	33	12	6	18	4
Tyler Toffoli	33	6-0	203	Right	Scarborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	San Jose	78	30	24	54	14
Carson Wetsch	19	6-2	190	Right	North Vancouver, B.C.	82nd overall (2024)	Calgary (WHL)	68	33	19	52	68

Seattle KRAKEN

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
35-41-6 (.463)

OVERTIME
5-3

SHOOTOUT
2-3

OVERALL
27th

OFFENSE
2.99 GPG (16th)

DEFENSE
3.20 GAA (24th)

POWER PLAY
18.9% (23rd)

PENALTY KILL
77.2% (21st)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.28 (28th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.66 (25th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
C. Stephenson (19:31)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
B. Montour (22:59)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Lane Lambert

GM
Jason Botterill

CAPTAIN
Jordan Eberle

ARENA
Climate Pledge Arena

CAPACITY
17,100

AHL AFFILIATE
Coachella Valley Firebirds

ECHL AFFILIATE
Kansas City Mavericks

BY JARED CLINTON

SEEKING PROGRESS AFTER suffering a step back in 2023-24, Seattle pressed reset and started last season with a new coaching staff headed by Dan Bylsma. The expectation was the Stanley Cup-winning coach's recent success with the Kraken's AHL affiliate would translate to the big club's playoff return. Instead, the fourth-year franchise stumbled its way to a five-point decline, the result of which was the fifth-worst record in the NHL.

As a result, Bylsma was handed his walking papers, while the front office underwent a shuffle: Ron Francis was promoted to president, while Jason Botterill went from second-in-command to sitting in the GM seat. Botterill began his tenure by installing longtime Barry Trotz disciple and former New York Islanders coach Lane Lambert behind the Kraken bench.

>OFFENSE

Seattle has plenty of depth but lacks elite talent. No disrespect to Jared McCann, Matty Beniers or late-career Jordan Eberle, but it could even be argued the Kraken don't have a legitimate top-line scorer. That has forced Seattle to produce offense by committee, and the additions of Mason Marchment and Frederick Gaudreau won't move the needle. However, Kaapo Kakko's play upon arriving in a midseason deal with the New York Rangers was inspiring, as was the late-season performance of Jani Nyman. And perhaps a full NHL season will help Shane Wright unlock

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the potential that once made him a perceived first-overall-pick-caliber talent. The Kraken registered 4.1 goals per 60 minutes when Wright was on ice last season. That was tops among lineup regulars.

>DEFENSE

After adding Ryan Lindgren in free agency, the Seattle blueline continues to be its greatest strength. Vince Dunn and Brandon Montour give the back end plenty of firepower and an impactful one-two punch of power-play quarterbacks. Meanwhile, Adam Larsson deserves recognition for his development into a rugged shutdown defender and shot-blocking juggernaut. The wild card is 23-year-old Ryker Evans. His contributions make it clear he has plenty of upside, but, as with any young rearguard, there are own-zone kinks that need ironing out. If he takes a step forward, the Kraken blueline – defensively but also offensively – stands to power Seattle's push to return to the playoffs.

>GOALTENDING

Considering the quality of shots he faced last season, Joey Daccord was excellent, following up a stellar 2023-24 with a similarly outstanding performance. But the reality is that even bang-average goaltending would be an improvement over Philipp Grubauer, who has struggled mightily in Seattle. The Kraken's best chance of winning on a nightly basis is with Daccord in the blue paint, and that should see him start 60-plus games if Seattle has designs on competing for a wild-card spot.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

The Kraken ranked 23nd on the power play and 21st on the penalty kill last season, and their underlying numbers don't suggest either result was a case of poor puck luck. In fact, the opposite appears true, as Seattle had the third-lowest expected goals for rate on the power play and fourth-worst expected goals against rate on the penalty kill. Adding Lindgren will help on the kill, and Lambert will endeavor to give Seattle the structure necessary to improve when shorthanded.

>INTANGIBLES

Of the many things Lambert surely learned from Trotz, perhaps the most important is how to do more with less. That was the hallmark of Trotz's Nashville outfits, and Lambert rode shotgun as Trotz helped turn the then-middling Islanders into back-to-back semifinalists. On paper, the Kraken lack top-end talent. But quality coaching – and playing to their strengths – can act as an equalizer.

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>ROOKIES

Nyman led Coachella Valley and finished second among AHL rookies last season with 28 goals. And that was despite his 12-game stint with the big club, during which he posted three goals and six points. He's a pure shooter who could be a top power-play triggerman.

>X-FACTOR

Beniers has proven himself as a quality two-way pivot. But can he find another offensive gear as he enters his fourth NHL campaign? He hasn't yet matched his 24-goal, 57-point rookie-season output. Beniers seems to be still scratching the surface of his ability, and he can elevate the Kraken by becoming a driver at both ends of the ice.

>THE BRASS

Botterill's first foray as a big-league GM came in Buffalo, where he wasn't afraid to wheel and deal. He executed headline moves involving Evander Kane, Jeff Skinner and Ryan O'Reilly. The latter swap brought Tage Thompson to the Sabres. Some fearlessness in the trade market could benefit Seattle.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jared McCann	1. Chandler Stephenson	1. Jordan Eberle
2. Jaden Schwartz	2. Matty Beniers	2. Kaapo Kakko
3. Mason Marchment	3. Shane Wright	3. Eeli Tolvanen
4. Tye Kartye	4. Frederick Gaudreau	4. Jani Nyman
5. Mitchell Stephens	5. John Hayden	5. Ryan Winterton

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Vince Dunn	6. Ryker Evans	1. Joey Daccord
2. Brandon Montour	7. Josh Mahura	2. Philipp Grubauer
3. Adam Larsson	8. Cale Fleury	3. Matt Murray
4. Ryan Lindgren	9. Ville Ottavainen	
5. Jamie Oleksiak	10. Ty Nelson	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Andre Burakovsky, RW; Michael Eyssimont, C

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Berkly Catton
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Spokane (WHL)
Breathtaking playmaking skills. The attack can flow through him. Nothing left to accomplish in WHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Jake O'Brien
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Brantford (OHL)
Sneaky skill set sees him strip pucks and elude checks before slipping perfect pass. Smart player.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Jani Nyman
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Coachella Valley (AHL)
A half-wall threat on the power play. He's a pure shooter and scorer who can rip the puck.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Blake Fiddler
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Edmonton (WHL)
Profiles as a shutdown defender but has new-school tools like a quality first pass and sneaky shot.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

5. Oscar Fisker Molgaard
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 HV71 (Swe.)
Middling output, but his two-way play is his calling card. Responsible beyond his years.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Niklas Kokko
Pos G **Age** 21
2024-25 Coachella Valley (AHL)
All-rookie performance in AHL. One thing to be big, another to use size well. He manages both.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Eduard Sale
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Coachella Valley (AHL)
Inconsistent through rookie AHL year. Deft puck and passing skills set stage for playmaking future.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Ryan Winterton
Pos C **Age** 22
2024-25 Coachella Valley (AHL)
Coaches trust him no matter the score or situation. Reliability is important attribute. He has it.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

9. Carson Rehkopf
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Brampton (OHL)
Nose for the net and pure goal-scoring ability. Ceiling is high, but AHL seasoning is required.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

10. Jagger Firkus
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Coachella Valley (AHL)
Brilliant junior scorer and pure shooter added checking element to carve out minutes in AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	
80	
63 Wright	
60 60 McCann	
55 Marchment	
53 Beniers	
51 Stephenson	Dunn 50
	Montour 48
43 Kakko	
42 Schwartz	
40 40 Eberle	
32 Tolvanen	
31 Catton	
30 Gaudreau	
	Larsson 26
	Evans 22
20 20 Nyman	
18 Kartye	
	Lindgren 17
	Oleksiak 17
	Mahura 11
0	

SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Montreal	10:30 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs NY Rangers	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ St. Louis	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Dallas	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Chicago	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	@ NY Islanders	5:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs Edmonton	4:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Detroit	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 12	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	vs Buffalo	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	vs Philadelphia	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	@ Vancouver	10:30 PM
Mon, Jan 5	@ Calgary	9:30 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Boston	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 14	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Utah	5:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Pittsburgh	5:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs NY Islanders	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	vs New Jersey	4:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Washington	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Toronto	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	vs St. Louis	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Ottawa	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	vs Florida	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Tampa Bay	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Columbus	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Buffalo	5:30 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	@ Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 15	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Colorado	10:30 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Seattle KRAKEN

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP	
Joey Daccord	29	6-2	201	Left	Boston, Mass.	Expansion: Ott 7/21/21	Seattle	57	27-23-5	2.75	.906	
Philipp Grubauer	33	6-1	188	Left	Rosenheim, Ger.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Seattle	26	8-17-1	3.49	.875	
Niklas Kokko	21	6-3	184	Left	Oulu, Fin.	58th overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	33	20-10-2	2.26	.913	
Matt Murray	31	6-5	220	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Toronto (AHL)	21	10-5-6	1.72	.934	
Victor Ostman	24	6-4	205	Left	Danderyd, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 4/3/24	Kansas City (ECHL)	32	21-7-4	2.52	.903	
Kim Saarinen	19	6-4	169	Left	Hameenlinna, Fin.	88th overall (2024)	HPK (Fin.)	30	10-11-5	2.49	.911	
Visa Vedenpaa	20	6-2	170	Left	Oulu, Fin.	168th overall (2023)	Hermes (Fin.2)	3	1-1-0	4.02	.851	
Semyon Vyazovoi	22	6-2	169	Left	Ufa, Rus.	163rd overall (2021)	Ufa (KHL)	28	14-7-1	1.80	.938	
DEFENSEMEN	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Maxim Agafonov	18	6-2	198	Right	Moscow, Rus.	134th overall (2025)	Ufa Jr. (Rus.)	35	6	8	14	22
Karl Annborn	18	6-0	188	Right	Orebro, Swe.	205th overall (2025)	HV71 Jr. (Swe.)	39	3	21	24	4
Alexis Bernier	19	6-1	189	Right	St-Hyacinthe, Que.	73rd overall (2024)	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	59	14	32	46	59
Lukas Dragicevic	20	6-1	190	Right	Richmond, B.C.	57th overall (2023)	Prince Albert (WHL)	66	18	52	70	45
Vince Dunn	28	6-0	200	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Expansion: StL 7/21/21	Seattle	62	11	28	39	33
Ryker Evans	23	6-0	195	Left	Calgary, Alta.	35th overall (2021)	Seattle	73	5	20	25	30
Jakub Fibigr	19	6-0	171	Left	Sternberk, Cze.	202nd overall (2024)	Brampton (OHL)	58	3	30	33	18
Blake Fiddler	18	6-4	209	Right	Nashville, Tenn.	36th overall (2025)	Edmonton (WHL)	64	10	23	33	36
Cale Fleury	26	6-1	204	Right	Carlyle, Sask.	Expansion: Mtl 7/21/21	Coachella Valley (AHL)	39	7	19	26	11
Kaden Hammell	20	6-1	173	Right	Langley, B.C.	148th overall (2023)	Everett (WHL)	59	10	28	38	25
Tyson Jugnauth	21	5-11	155	Left	Toronto, Ont.	100th overall (2022)	Portland (WHL)	65	13	76	89	36
Adam Larsson	32	6-3	207	Right	Skelleftea, Swe.	Expansion: Edm 7/21/21	Seattle	82	7	21	28	31
Ryan Lindgren	27	6-0	194	Left	Burnsville, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	NY Rangers/Colorado	72	4	18	22	40
Josh Mahura	27	6-0	193	Left	St. Albert, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/24	Seattle	64	0	9	9	20
Brandon Montour	31	6-0	199	Right	Brantford, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Seattle	81	18	23	41	70
Ty Nelson	21	5-9	195	Right	Toronto, Ont.	68th overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	72	6	26	32	48
Jamie Oleksiak	32	6-7	252	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Expansion: Dal 7/21/21	Seattle	82	4	13	17	34
Ville Ottavainen	23	6-5	210	Right	Oulu, Fin.	99th overall (2021)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	68	3	12	15	41
Caden Price	20	6-1	185	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	84th overall (2023)	Kelowna/Lethbridge (WHL)	57	9	34	43	62
Will Reynolds	18	6-3	188	Left	Fredericton, N.B.	68th overall (2025)	Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)	64	4	10	14	69
Peetro Seppala	25	6-2	192	Left	Kouvola, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 5/7/22	Orebro (SHL)	51	3	13	16	16
CENTERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Matty Beniers	22	6-2	181	Left	Hingham, Mass.	2nd overall (2021)	Seattle	82	20	23	43	14
Berkly Catton	19	5-11	170	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	8th overall (2024)	Spokane (WHL)	57	38	71	109	30
Oscar Fisker Molgaard	20	6-0	168	Left	Hjorring, Den.	52nd overall (2023)	HV71 (Swe.)	38	5	14	19	0
Zeb Forsfjall	20	5-9	167	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	180th overall (2023)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	39	1	7	8	6
Frederick Gaudreau	32	6-0	184	Right	Bromont, Que.	Trade: Min 6/26/25	Minnesota	82	18	19	37	8
David Goyette	21	5-10	172	Left	St-Jerome, Que.	61st overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	54	6	12	18	20
Barrett Hall	21	6-1	167	Left	Edina, Minn.	164th overall (2022)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	34	7	15	22	6
John Hayden	30	6-3	223	Right	Chicago, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/14/22	Coachella Valley (AHL)	44	11	16	27	34
Ollie Josephson	19	6-0	185	Left	Victoria, B.C.	105th overall (2024)	Red Deer (WHL)	48	14	21	35	37
Andrei Loshko	20	6-2	184	Left	Zhlobin, Blr.	116th overall (2023)	Niagara (OHL)	67	34	36	70	21
Ben MacDonald	21	5-11	165	Left	Boston, Mass.	91st overall (2022)	Harvard (ECAC)	27	5	11	16	18
Ben Meyers	26	5-11	194	Left	Delano, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Coachella Valley (AHL)	57	23	28	51	26
Julius Miettinen	19	6-3	205	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	40th overall (2024)	Everett (WHL)	36	11	28	39	27
Logan Morrison	23	6-0	180	Right	Guelph, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 4/11/23	Coachella Valley (AHL)	72	14	28	42	16
Jake O'Brien	18	6-2	172	Right	Whitby, Ont.	8th overall (2025)	Brantford (OHL)	66	32	66	98	18
Tucker Robertson	22	5-11	188	Right	Toronto, Ont.	123rd overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	38	4	5	9	13
Jaden Schwartz	33	5-10	185	Left	Wilcox, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Seattle	81	26	23	49	24
Mitchell Stephens	28	6-0	203	Right	Peterborough, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Coachella Valley (AHL)	35	6	7	13	23
Chandler Stephenson	31	6-0	201	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Seattle	78	13	38	51	24
Nathan Villeneuve	19	5-11	199	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	63rd overall (2024)	Sudbury (OHL)	57	34	36	70	120
Ryan Winterton	22	6-2	175	Right	Markham, Ont.	67th overall (2021)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	56	18	19	37	26
Shane Wright	21	6-0	192	Right	Burlington, Ont.	4th overall (2022)	Seattle	79	19	25	44	18
LEFT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Clarke Caswell	19	5-11	170	Left	Brandon, Man.	141st overall (2024)	Swift Current (WHL)	65	22	62	84	36
Justin Janicke	22	5-11	185	Left	Maple Grove, Minn.	195th overall (2021)	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	38	15	19	34	29
Tye Kartye	24	5-11	202	Left	Kingston, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/22	Seattle	63	6	7	13	43
Mason Marchment	30	6-5	212	Left	Uxbridge, Ont.	Trade: Dal 6/20/25	Dallas	62	22	25	47	53
Jared McCann	29	6-1	191	Left	Stratford, Ont.	Expansion: Tor 7/21/21	Seattle	82	22	39	61	18
Max McCormick	33	5-11	188	Left	De Pere, Wis.	Free Agent: signed 9/29/21	Coachella Valley (AHL)	19	7	6	13	13
Carson Rehkopf	20	6-2	193	Left	Barrie, Ont.	50th overall (2023)	Brampton (OHL)	57	42	44	86	22
Lleyton Roed	23	6-0	179	Left	White Bear Lake, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 3/27/24	Bemidji State (CCHA)	38	14	16	30	16
Eduard Sale	20	6-2	174	Left	Brno, Cze.	20th overall (2023)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	51	6	15	21	14
RIGHT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Jordan Eberle	35	5-11	180	Right	Regina, Sask.	Expansion: NYI 7/21/21	Seattle	42	9	17	26	14
Jagger Firkus	21	5-10	153	Right	Irma, Alta.	35th overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	69	15	21	36	20
Kaapo Kakko	24	6-1	215	Left	Turku, Fin.	Trade: NYR 12/18/24	NY Rangers/Seattle	79	14	30	44	38
Loke Krantz	18	6-2	192	Right	Enkoping, Swe.	218th overall (2025)	Linkoping Jr. (Swe.)	44	12	5	17	41
Jacob Melanson	22	6-0	207	Right	Halifax, N.S.	131st overall (2021)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	42	8	5	13	48
Jani Nyman	21	6-2	212	Left	Valkeakoski, Fin.	49th overall (2022)	Coachella Valley (AHL)	58	28	16	44	31
Eeli Tolvanen	26	5-10	182	Left	Vihti, Fin.	Waivers: Nsh 12/12/22	Seattle	81	23	12	35	23
Zaccharya Wisdom	21	6-0	175	Right	Toronto, Ont.	212th overall (2023)	Colorado (NCHC)	36	8	13	21	12

Tampa Bay LIGHTNING

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
47-27-8 (.622)

OVERTIME
4-5

SHOOTOUT
2-3

OVERALL
7th

OFFENSE
3.56 GPG (1st)

DEFENSE
2.63 GAA (4th)

POWER PLAY
25.9% (5th)

PENALTY KILL
81.6% (6th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.53 (17th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.44 (16th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
N. Kucherov (21:11)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
V. Hedman (23:05)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Jon Cooper

GM
Julien BriseBois

CAPTAIN
Victor Hedman

ARENA
Amalie Arena

CAPACITY
19,204

AHL AFFILIATE
Syracuse Crunch

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BY ERIK ERLENDSSON

WITH JUST FOUR PLAYOFF wins in the past three years, this is a turning-point season for the Lightning. Is the window still open, or has the door closed on their opportunity to capture another championship with the current core? Tampa Bay fully believes the window remains open. The Lightning finished as the top-scoring team in the league, finished in the top four defensively and had the second-best goal differential.

Nikita Kucherov is coming off consecutive scoring titles and remains one of the top playmaking wingers of all-time. Brayden Point and Jake Guentzel each reached the 40-goal mark, while Anthony Cirelli – a Selke finalist – and Brandon Hagel comprise one of the top two-way forward duos in the league. But the biggest belief comes from watching Andrei Vasilevskiy return to his Vezina-caliber form. The roster still has elite players, and management believes the depth is there to keep Tampa a contender again this season. But the time is now because the Lightning aren't getting any younger, and there aren't a plethora of prospects on the horizon.

>OFFENSE

Behind the wizardry of Kucherov, the Lightning again led the league in scoring last season at 3.56 goals per game. Guentzel fit right in with his new team, setting a career-high with 41 goals. Tampa Bay returns most of the same group from last season, with six-time 20-goal scor-

er Oliver Bjorkstrand also arriving at the trade deadline to give the Lightning seven players who reached the 20-goal mark a year ago, including four 35-goal scorers. Tampa Bay has three-line-deep scoring depth but needs more support from the fourth-liners.

>DEFENSE

The main mantra for the Lightning to compete is not about how many goals they score but how many they can keep out of their own net. That philosophy drove them to back-to-back titles and was again the point of emphasis last season when they improved from 23rd defensively to fourth. The 5-on-5 goal differential went from minus-19 to plus-42. The return of Ryan McDonagh helped stabilize the defense, as he pairs with Erik Cernak to take on the top matchups and remove some of the responsibility from Victor Hedman.

>GOALTENDING

In Vasilevskiy's first full season removed from back surgery, the future Hall of Famer returned to form, finishing second in the league in wins (38) and third in goals-against average (2.18) and save percentage (.921). Jonas Johansson – who earned points in 12 of his 18 starts – signed a two-year extension to remain as the backup.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Tampa was one of only two teams (New Jersey) to finish top 10 in both PP and PK percentage last season. While the PK turned into a dependable area, the power play dealt with some inconsistencies as it adapted to life without Steven Stamkos. Guentzel led the league with 17 power-play goals. The PP continues to run through Kucherov, but he was moved around to different areas on the ice looking for the right formation for the revamped top unit. Cirelli and Hagel form one of the league's top penalty-kill duos, while Pontus Holmberg, who signed as a free agent, figures to take Luke Glendening's role alongside Zemgus Girgensons.

>INTANGIBLES

The Lightning do not have a lot of team size, with most of what they do have coming on the defensive side. In the first-round loss to the Panthers, many believe the Lightning were pushed around. Tampa Bay did not add much size in the off-season, with only three forwards listed at more than 200 pounds on the expected opening-night roster.

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>ROOKIES

Jack Finley, a second-round pick in 2020, has an inside track to make the team out of camp as the fourth-line center. The 6-foot-6, 220-pounder has battled through multiple injuries but scored a career-high 14 goals with AHL Syracuse last season despite being limited to 40 games. Dylan Duke, a fourth-round pick in 2021, hit the 20-goal mark as an AHL rookie and scored in his NHL debut.

>X-FACTOR

The Lightning need their depth to keep them in the upper tier. The top players will continue to lead the way, but Tampa Bay needs Bjorkstrand to be a 20-goal scorer, Yanni Gourde to deliver a reliable lower-line role and the third defense pairing to be consistent.

>THE BRASS

Jon Cooper is by far the NHL's longest-tenured coach. He continues to find ways to motivate and push the right buttons. Jeff Blashill, who helped design the team's system, took the top coaching position in Chicago. Tampa Bay brought in Dan Hinote – who has had stops with Columbus and Nashville in his coaching career – to serve as his replacement.

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jake Guentzel	1. Brayden Point	1. Nikita Kucherov
2. Brandon Hagel	2. Anthony Cirelli	2. Oliver Bjorkstrand
3. Gage Goncalves	3. Nick Paul	3. Conor Geekie
4. Zemgus Girgensons	4. Yanni Gourde	4. Pontus Holmberg
5. Jakob Pelletier	5. Jack Finley	5. Mitchell Chaffee

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Victor Hedman	6. Emil Lilleberg	1. Andrei Vasilevskiy
2. Ryan McDonagh	7. Max Crozier	2. Jonas Johansson
3. Erik Cernak	8. Steven Santini	3. Brandon Halverson
4. J.J. Moser	9. Declan Carlile	
5. Darren Raddysh	10. Simon Lundmark	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Luke Glendening, C; Cam Atkinson, RW; Nick Perbix, D

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Ethan Gauthier
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Drummondville (QMJHL)
Has pop with the puck on his stick, but he'll create opportunities with his effort in all three zones.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

2. Sam O'Reilly
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 London (OHL)
Up a goal or down a goal, tap O'Reilly on the shoulder. He's got a future thanks to his two-way play.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Ethan Czata
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Niagara (OHL)
Already has two-way qualities coaches love. Making a significant offensive leap is the next step.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

4. Jack Finley
Pos C **Age** 23
2024-25 Syracuse (AHL)
Hulking center can be a nightmare on the power play if he puts it all together. Skates well, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Niko Huuhtanen
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Syracuse (AHL)
Has the smarts and puck skills, but has been held back by skating. His hard work is beginning to show.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

6. Daniil Pylenkov
Pos D **Age** 25
2024-25 Dynamo Moscow (KHL)
Seasoned KHL rearguard does a lot right and often goes unnoticed, a testament to own-zone acumen.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Maxim Groshev
Pos RW **Age** 23
2024-25 Syracuse (AHL)
Physical repertoire is impressive, as is desire to round out game. Has struggled with consistency.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

8. Gabriel Szturc
Pos C **Age** 22
2024-25 Syracuse (AHL)
Undrafted center turned heads with ability to play in all situations. More smarts than raw skill.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. Dylan Duke
Pos LW **Age** 22
2024-25
Greatest attribute is attitude. He plays up-tempo, straight-line game with a healthy dash of snarl.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Max Crozier
Pos D **Age** 25
2024-25 Syracuse (AHL)
He's improving with each passing season and becoming central to AHL blueline. Future as role player.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	123 Kucherov
	90 Point
	85 Hagel
80	80 Guentzel
	Hedman 65
60	
	55 Cirelli
	47 Bjorkstrand
40	40 Paul
	34 Gourde, Raddysh 34
	31 Geekie
	29 Goncalves
	27 Holmberg
	27 Pelletier
	McDonagh 25
20	Moser 20
	18 Chaffee
	Lilleberg 17
	Cernak 15
	13 Girgensons
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Boston	1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 17	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Anaheim	5:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Vegas	5:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Nashville	7:45 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2	@ Utah	3:30 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Colorado	9:30 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Florida	6:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	vs Vancouver	5:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Detroit	1:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ NY Rangers	2:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	@ Toronto	7:30 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ NY Islanders	3:30 PM
Mon, Dec 15	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	vs Montreal	5:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Anaheim	4:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Colorado	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 16	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 18	@ Dallas	2:00 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 26	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Sun, Feb 1	vs Boston*	TBD
Tue, Feb 3	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Toronto	7:30 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Minnesota	9:30 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	@ Buffalo	6:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Calgary	8:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Minnesota	7:30 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Ottawa	1:00 PM
Sun, Mar 29	vs Nashville	5:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Boston	5:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Boston	12:30 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 15	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM

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Tampa Bay LIGHTNING

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Hugo Alnefelt	24	6-3	189	Left	Danderyd, Swe.	71st overall (2019)	HV71 (Swe.)	28	8-16-0	3.01	.900
Ryan Fanti	25	6-3	200	Left	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 6/2/25	Orlando (ECHL)	37	18-13-5	2.71	.907
Brandon Halverson	29	6-5	235	Left	Traverse City, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 2/3/25	Syracuse (AHL)	43	22-11-11	2.22	.915
Caleb Heil	19	6-2	196	Left	Victoria, Minn.	193rd overall (2025)	Madison (USHL)	39	25-10-4	2.85	.896
Jonas Johansson	30	6-5	218	Left	Gavle, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Tampa Bay	19	9-6-3	3.13	.895
Harrison Meneghin	21	6-3	169	Left	Surrey, B.C.	206th overall (2024)	Lethbridge/Medicine Hat (WHL)	36	23-10-2	2.58	.900
Andrei Vasilevskiy	31	6-4	228	Left	Tyumen, Rus.	19th overall (2012)	Tampa Bay	63	38-20-5	2.18	.921

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Kyle Aucoin	23	5-11	164	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Trade: Det 3/5/25	Harvard (ECAC)	28	2	2	4	8
Everett Baldwin	18	6-0	178	Right	Providence, R.I.	151st overall (2025)	St. George's (USHS)	22	10	10	20	n/a
Declan Carlile	25	6-3	192	Left	Hartland, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 3/16/22	Syracuse (AHL)	55	6	10	16	52
Erik Cernak	28	6-4	230	Right	Kosice, Svk.	Trade: LA 2/26/17	Tampa Bay	76	3	18	21	50
Warren Clark	21	6-2	192	Right	Windsor, Ont.	179th overall (2023)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	20	1	3	4	0
Max Crozier	25	6-3	198	Right	Calgary, Alta.	120th overall (2019)	Syracuse (AHL)	52	9	25	34	75
Charles-Edouard D'Astous	27	6-2	188	Left	Rimouski, Que.	Free Agent: signed 5/5/25	Brynas (SHL)	49	12	27	39	67
Alex Gagne	23	6-4	205	Left	Bedford, N.H.	192nd overall (2021)	New Hampshire (HE)	35	4	13	17	46
Dyllan Gill	21	6-3	194	Right	Riverview, N.B.	223rd overall (2022)	Moncton (QMJHL)	27	6	18	24	6
Jan Golicic	19	6-6	196	Left	Jesenice, Slo.	118th overall (2024)	Gatineau (QMJHL)	58	4	31	35	44
Victor Hedman	34	6-7	245	Left	Ornskoldsvik, Swe.	2nd overall (2009)	Tampa Bay	79	15	51	66	30
Emil Lilleberg	24	6-3	208	Left	Sarpsborg, Nor.	Free Agent: signed 6/5/23	Tampa Bay	76	1	18	19	105
Simon Lundmark	24	6-2	202	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Manitoba (AHL)	66	4	10	14	28
Ryan McDonagh	36	6-2	219	Left	St. Paul, Minn.	Trade: Nsh 5/21/24	Tampa Bay	82	4	27	31	22
J.J. Moser	25	6-2	181	Left	Biel, Sui.	Trade: Uth 6/29/24	Tampa Bay	54	2	12	14	22
Daniil Pylenkov	25	6-1	194	Left	Yegoryevsk, Rus.	196th overall (2021)	Dynamo Moscow (KHL)	68	6	25	31	26
Darren Raddysh	29	6-1	202	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Tampa Bay	73	6	31	37	14
Steven Santini	30	6-3	214	Right	Bronxville, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Syracuse (AHL)	58	6	11	17	20
Roman Schmidt	22	6-5	218	Right	Midland, Mich.	96th overall (2021)	Syracuse (AHL)	49	3	2	5	79
Grant Spada	18	6-4	185	Left	Fort Erie, Ont.	212th overall (2025)	Guelph (OHL)	58	0	6	6	85

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nick Abruzzese	26	5-11	183	Left	Slate Hill, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Toronto (AHL)	71	15	28	43	10
Anthony Cirelli	28	6-1	191	Left	Etobicoke, Ont.	72nd overall (2015)	Tampa Bay	80	27	32	59	28
Ethan Czata	18	6-1	175	Left	Brampton, Ont.	56th overall (2025)	Niagara (OHL)	68	21	34	55	72
Jack Finley	23	6-6	220	Right	St. Louis, Mo.	57th overall (2020)	Syracuse (AHL)	40	14	14	28	24
Aiden Foster	18	6-2	182	Left	Lloydminster, Alta.	127th overall (2025)	Prince George (WHL)	68	11	9	20	136
Conor Geekie	21	6-4	207	Left	Strathclair, Man.	Trade: Uth 6/29/24	Tampa Bay	52	8	6	14	16
Gage Goncalves	24	6-1	184	Left	Mission, B.C.	62nd overall (2020)	Tampa Bay	60	8	12	20	14
Yanni Gourde	33	5-9	174	Left	St-Narcisse, Que.	Trade: Sea 3/5/25	Seattle/Tampa Bay	57	7	24	31	52
Jack Harvey	22	5-9	170	Left	Des Moines, Iowa	193rd overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	11	16	27	2
Ethan Hay	20	6-1	193	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	211th overall (2023)	Saginaw/Kingston (OHL)	62	13	18	31	96
Roman Luttsev	19	6-0	170	Left	Elektrostal, Rus.	206th overall (2025)	Loko-76 Jr./Loko Jr. (Rus.)	51	30	36	66	26
Lucas Mercuri	23	6-3	191	Right	Montreal, Que.	Trade: Car 3/30/25	UMass (HE)	40	10	21	31	24
Waltteri Merela	27	6-3	210	Right	Ylojarvi, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 6/5/23	Bern (Sui.)	52	21	26	47	27
Sam O'Reilly	19	6-1	178	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Trade: Edm 7/8/25	London (OHL)	62	28	43	71	40
Kaden Pitre	19	6-0	180	Left	Newmarket, Ont.	181st overall (2024)	Flint (OHL)	57	22	31	53	57
Brayden Point	29	5-11	175	Right	Calgary, Alta.	79th overall (2014)	Tampa Bay	77	42	40	82	7
Benjamin Rautiainen	20	6-0	174	Left	Tampere, Fin.	108th overall (2025)	Tappara (Fin.)	50	10	23	33	12
Milo Roelens	22	6-7	217	Left	Ste-Petronille, Que.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/24	Syracuse (AHL)	35	6	2	8	32
Joona Saarelainen	19	5-9	193	Left	Mikkeli, Fin.	149th overall (2024)	KalPa (Liiga)	21	2	3	5	4
Gabriel Szturc	22	5-11	194	Left	Cesky Tesin, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/24	Syracuse (AHL)	54	7	12	19	16

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Tristan Allard	23	6-1	198	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Syracuse (AHL)	45	7	9	16	36
Joe Connor	20	5-9	167	Left	Amherst, N.H.	195th overall (2024)	Northeastern (HE)	37	7	10	17	47
Dylan Duke	22	5-10	177	Left	Strongsville, Ohio	126th overall (2021)	Syracuse (AHL)	62	20	20	40	47
Cooper Flinton	22	6-1	202	Left	Auburn, N.H.	211th overall (2021)	Dartmouth (ECAC)	32	11	13	24	8
Zemgus Girgensons	31	6-3	192	Left	Riga, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Tampa Bay	82	2	4	6	47
Brandon Hagel	27	6-2	180	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: Chi 3/18/22	Tampa Bay	82	35	55	90	58
Boris Katchouk	27	6-2	206	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)	67	21	28	49	46
Nick Paul	30	6-4	230	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Trade: Ott 3/20/22	Tampa Bay	76	22	19	41	30
Jakob Pelletier	24	5-9	170	Left	Quebec, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Calgary/Philadelphia	49	7	12	19	10
Wojciech Stachowiak	26	6-1	187	Left	Gdansk, Pol.	Free Agent: signed 5/23/25	Ingolstadt (Ger.)	52	10	20	30	40
Noah Steen	21	6-1	187	Left	Oslo, Nor.	199th overall (2024)	Orebro (SHL)	51	5	1	6	47
Klavs Veinbergs	22	6-3	207	Right	Riga, Lat.	224th overall (2022)	Colorado (NCHC)	36	9	10	19	32

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Oliver Bjorkstrand	30	6-0	175	Right	Herning, Den.	Trade: Sea 3/5/25	Seattle/Tampa Bay	79	21	25	46	18
Hagen Burrows	19	6-2	174	Right	Plymouth, Minn.	128th overall (2024)	Denver (NCHC)	39	1	8	9	14
Mitchell Chaffee	27	6-1	204	Right	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Tampa Bay	66	12	6	18	21
Ethan Gauthier	20	6-0	182	Right	Scottsdale, Ariz.	37th overall (2023)	Drummondville (QMJHL)	50	25	37	62	26
Maxim Groshev	23	6-2	198	Left	Agryz, Rus.	85th overall (2020)	Syracuse (AHL)	56	7	7	14	21
Jake Guentzel	30	5-11	178	Left	Omaha, Neb.	Trade: Car 6/29/24	Tampa Bay	80	41	39	80	24
Pontus Holmberg	26	6-0	201	Left	Vasteras, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Toronto	68	7	12	19	27
Niko Huuhtanen	22	6-3	198	Right	Espoo, Fin.	224th overall (2021)	Syracuse (AHL)	51	8	12	20	47
Nikita Kucherov	32	6-0	180	Left	Maykop, Rus.	58th overall (2011)	Tampa Bay	78	37	84	121	45
Connor Kurth	22	5-11	215	Right	Elk River, Minn.	192nd overall (2022)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	40	18	21	39	10
Marco Mignosa	20	6-0	158	Right	Toronto, Ont.	215th overall (2025)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	58	36	49	85	21
Scott Sabourin	33	6-4	207	Right	Orleans, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/25	San Jose (AHL)	68	10	15	25	111
Jayson Shaugabay	20	5-9	166	Right	Roseau, Minn.	115th overall (2023)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	36	12	14	26	4

Toronto MAPLE LEAFS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
52-26-4 (.659)

OVERTIME
11-2

SHOOTOUT
1-2

OVERALL
4th

OFFENSE
3.26 GPG (7th)

DEFENSE
2.79 GAA (8th)

POWER PLAY
24.8% (9th)

PENALTY KILL
77.9% (17th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.38 (24th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.53 (20th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
M. Marner (21:19)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. McCabe (21:31)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Craig Berube

GM
Brad Treliving

CAPTAIN
Auston Matthews

ARENA
Scotiabank Arena

CAPACITY
18,800

AHL AFFILIATE
Toronto Marlies

ECHL AFFILIATE
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BY KEN CAMPBELL

IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING the Toronto Maple Leafs' second-round exit from the playoffs, GM Brad Treliving caused some tremors in the hockey world by saying, "If you keep getting the same results, there's some DNA that needs to change." He was talking about the roster of course, but he could very well have been referring to the team's annual playoff motto, which unfortunately has become, "Do Not Advance."

The roster received a seismic alteration in its molecular structure when Mitch Marner was dealt to the Vegas Golden Knights prior to free agency. Marner made it clear he had at least been seriously contemplating a move most of last season, and by the time he scored just two goals in 13 playoff games, it looked as though his mind had been made up. So, that leaves a team that had been a perennial playoff disappointment hoping for addition by subtraction.

>OFFENSE

You're going to read Marner's name in a few of these categories because of his overall impact, but losing him blows a large chasm in Toronto's offensive scheme. But even without him, the Leafs return with five players who scored 20 or more goals last season. William Nylander, who could move up to replace Marner on the top line, was the leading goal-scorer, but that likely won't repeat if Auston Matthews can bounce back from a mediocre 33-goal campaign. John Tavares, who re-signed a team-friendly deal, will be hard pressed to score 38 goals again. But Mat-

thew Knies, who also re-upped long term, scored 29 and looks to be just realizing his potential.

>DEFENSE

No matter how much they have improved in all areas of their defensive game, there still seems to be this nagging notion that the Leafs are a bunch of swashbuckling goal sucks who don't care about their own end. Under new coach Craig Berube, the Leafs continued their consistent defensive play, finishing eighth in goals against. There seems to be a lot of angst in the market surrounding Morgan Rielly, their longest-serving player and former blueline anchor, who struggled last season. Chris Tanev and Brandon Carlo give the Leafs a shutdown component they've lacked, and Oliver Ekman-Larsson offers some snarl. The Leafs tend to get outshot an awful lot, but the quality of chances against has been reduced, which gives them comfort in playing those games.

>GOALTENDING

There's a sense that if Anthony Stolarz had not been knocked out of the series, the Leafs may have dethroned the Cup-champion Panthers after taking a 2-0 lead in the series. Assuming Stolarz is healthy, he is the indisputable No. 1 man, with Joseph Woll continuing to evolve as his backup. This is the first season the Maple Leafs enter a campaign without any pressing issues in the crease since the Frederik Andersen days.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Losing Marner will have an enormous effect on both the power-play and penalty-killing units. Marner's 33 points on the power play were first on the roster, and his puck-hounding approach and ability to read the play were a boon to the penalty kill. Look for Tavares to take Matthews' spot in the middle on the power play, while Matthews takes Marner's place on the point. Matthews and Knies will likely do the heavy lifting on the penalty kill. The power play had its struggles under new assistant Marc Savard early, but it regained its form – only to peter out horribly, again, in the post-season.

>INTANGIBLES

Even though the Leafs made some serious strides in being a more difficult opponent, Matthews caused a stir when he opined the team had "too many passengers" in the second-round loss to the Panthers. (He declined to say whether he, in fact, was one of them.)

>ROOKIES

Perhaps it's fitting that Easton Cowan is turning pro the same year Marner leaves. Both were London Knights (Marner was Cowan's idol growing up), they play the same position and both were highly decorated juniors who finished their careers with a Memorial Cup. Unlike Marner, though, Cowan could use some time in the minors.

>X-FACTOR

You could argue there was not a more polarizing player in the history of the organization than Marner. But it's indisputable that he tilted both ends of the ice. Whatever the Leafs do this season without him will be highly scrutinized. And, as always, this group will be judged only by what it accomplishes in the post-season.

>THE BRASS

Berube remains the coach and Treliving the GM, but after 11 seasons with just two playoff series wins to show for it, team president Brendan Shanahan did not have his contract renewed. Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment president Keith Pelley, who took over the company in 2024, and Treliving will share Shanahan's duties.

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Matthew Knies	1. Auston Matthews	1. William Nylander
2. Bobby McMann	2. John Tavares	2. Matias Maccelli
3. Max Domi	3. Nicolas Roy	3. Nicholas Robertson
4. Steven Lorentz	4. Scott Laughton	4. Dakota Joshua
5. Calle Jarnkrok	5. David Kampf	5. Easton Cowan

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Morgan Rielly	6. Simon Benoit	1. Anthony Stolarz
2. Jake McCabe	7. Henry Thrun	2. Joseph Woll
3. Chris Tanev	8. Philippe Myers	3. Dennis Hildeby
4. Oliver Ekman-Larsson	9. Matt Benning	
5. Brandon Carlo	10. Dakota Mermis	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Mitch Marner, RW; Max Pacioretty, LW; Pontus Holmberg, RW

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Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Easton Cowan
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 London (OHL)
Silenced concerns about dip in output with MVP performance at Mem Cup. All-situations scorer.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Ben Danford
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Oshawa (OHL)
Sound puck-mover and good skill set, but that's all a bonus. His greatest strength is 'D' game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Tinus Luc Koblar
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Leksand Jr. (Swe.)
Big, moves well and forechecks ferociously. With his strength, he can carry checks on his back.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

4. Dennis Hildeby
Pos G **Age** 24
2024-25 Toronto (AHL)
Called upon sporadically by big club and didn't shrink under spotlight. Massive frame.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

5. Topi Niemela
Pos D **Age** 23
2024-25 Toronto (AHL)
Produced well and showcased steady growth, but he's heading to Sweden this season.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Artur Akhtyamov
Pos G **Age** 23
2024-25 Toronto (AHL)
Split-time AHL duty a big leap from brief KHL stint. Fared well and will fight for more minutes.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Tyler Hopkins
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Kingston (OHL)
Not afraid to rip the puck and gets up and down the ice quickly. Think long term, not near future.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

8. Miroslav Holinka
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Edmonton (WHL)
Point-per-gamer was silenced in post-season. He knows where to be, but his skating needs work.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Noah Chadwick
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Lethbridge (WHL)
Grew into WHL all-star. He can contribute at both ends of the ice. Exudes on-ice intelligence.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Matt Lahey
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Fargo (USHL)
Physicality is his calling card. He lays a beating on opponents. Pro-level skill set is the question.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
	95 Matthews	
	88 Nylander	
80		
	68 Tavares	
	67 Knies	
60		
		Rielly 48
	41 Cowan	
40	38 McMann	
	38 Domi	
	37 Robertson	
	34 Laughton	
	34 Maccelli	
	32 Roy	
	31 Jarnkrok	Ekman-Larsson 30
	24 Joshua	
		McCabe 22
20	19 Kampf	
	18 Lorentz	
		Tanev 16
		Carlo 15
		Benoit 15
		Thrun 10
		Myers 8
	7 Pezzetta	
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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs Detroit	4:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 24	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs Calgary	6:30 PM
Wed, Oct 29	@ Columbus	7:30 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	vs Pittsburgh	7:30 PM
Wed, Nov 5	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Washington	5:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 4	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	vs Tampa Bay	7:30 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Nashville	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Dallas	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs Pittsburgh	4:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 28	@ Detroit	5:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Florida	7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Colorado	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Vegas	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Minnesota	7:30 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	vs Colorado	2:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Vancouver	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	@ Edmonton	8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 PM
Thu, Feb 26	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	vs Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Wed, Mar 4	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	@ Minnesota	7:30 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 25	vs NY Rangers	7:30 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ St. Louis	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 8	vs Washington	7:30 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Dallas	7:30 PM
Wed, Apr 15	@ Ottawa	7:30 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Toronto MAPLE LEAFS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP	
Artur Akhtyamov	23	6-2	170	Left	Kazan, Rus.	106th overall (2020)	Toronto (AHL)	26	11-8-7	2.81	.901	
Dennis Hildeby	24	6-7	224	Left	Jarfalla, Swe.	122nd overall (2022)	Toronto (AHL)	30	16-9-7	2.55	.908	
Timofei Obvintsev	20	6-4	178	Left	Yekaterinburg, Rus.	157th overall (2024)	Krasnaya Armiya Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	11	6-4-0	2.78	.908	
Vyacheslav Peksa	23	6-3	181	Left	Magnitogorsk, Rus.	185th overall (2021)	Cincinnati (ECHL)	32	12-14-3	2.68	.904	
Anthony Stolarz	31	6-6	243	Left	Edison, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Toronto	34	21-8-3	2.14	.926	
Joseph Woll	27	6-3	206	Left	Dardenne Prairie, Mo.	62nd overall (2016)	Toronto	42	27-14-1	2.73	.909	
DEFENSEMEN	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Matt Benning	31	6-1	203	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	Trade: SJ 10/31/24	Toronto (AHL)	39	1	7	8	26
Simon Benoit	27	6-4	211	Left	Laval, Que.	Free Agent: signed 8/28/23	Toronto	78	1	9	10	59
Brandon Carlo	28	6-5	220	Right	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Trade: Bos 3/7/25	Boston/Toronto	83	1	11	12	37
Noah Chadwick	20	6-4	207	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	185th overall (2023)	Lethbridge (WHL)	66	13	40	53	43
Ben Danford	19	6-2	195	Right	Belleville, Ont.	31st overall (2024)	Oshawa (OHL)	61	5	20	25	68
Oliver Ekman-Larsson	34	6-2	192	Left	Karlskrona, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Toronto	77	4	25	29	52
Rylan Fellinger	18	6-3	196	Right	Wawa, Ont.	185th overall (2025)	Flint (OHL)	64	3	4	7	23
John Fusco	24	5-9	174	Right	Boston, Mass.	189th overall (2020)	Dartmouth (ECAC)	32	11	10	21	39
Victor Johansson	19	6-1	143	Left	Linkoping, Swe.	120th overall (2024)	Leksand Jr. (Swe.)	47	7	32	39	113
Matt Lahey	19	6-5	203	Left	Victoria, B.C.	200th overall (2024)	Fargo (USHL)	59	4	13	17	18
Nathan Mayes	19	6-4	200	Left	Salmon Arm, B.C.	225th overall (2024)	Spokane (WHL)	56	6	21	27	56
Jake McCabe	31	6-1	212	Left	Eau Claire, Wis.	Trade: Chi 2/27/23	Toronto	66	2	21	23	40
Dakota Mermis	31	6-0	197	Left	Alton, Ill.	Waivers: Uth 1/3/25	Toronto (AHL)	32	0	7	7	22
Philippe Myers	28	6-5	219	Right	Moncton, N.B.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Toronto	36	2	3	5	15
Topi Niemela	23	6-0	179	Right	Oulu, Fin.	64th overall (2020)	Toronto (AHL)	61	2	20	22	18
John Prokop	24	6-3	195	Left	Wausau, Wis.	Free Agent: signed 3/20/25	Union (ECAC)	36	8	19	27	20
Morgan Rielly	31	6-1	225	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	5th overall (2012)	Toronto	82	7	34	41	21
Marshall Rifai	27	6-2	213	Left	Beaconsfield, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Toronto (AHL)	63	3	10	13	77
Blake Smith	20	6-4	211	Left	Oshawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 4/10/25	Flint (OHL)	64	10	22	32	54
Chris Tanev	35	6-3	199	Right	Toronto, Ont.	Trade: Dal 6/29/24	Toronto	75	3	15	18	24
Henry Thrun	24	6-2	210	Left	Southborough, Mass.	Trade: SJ 7/10/25	San Jose	60	2	10	12	30
William Villeneuve	23	6-2	183	Right	Sherbrooke, Que.	122nd overall (2020)	Toronto (AHL)	55	4	36	40	42
Cade Webber	24	6-7	212	Left	Worcester, Mass.	Trade: Car 3/7/24	Toronto (AHL)	60	1	6	7	35
CENTERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Travis Boyd	32	6-0	190	Right	Hopkins, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Iowa (AHL)	63	22	31	53	20
Semyon Der-Arguchintsev	25	6-0	176	Right	Moscow, Rus.	76th overall (2018)	Chelyabinsk (KHL)	59	13	17	30	26
Max Domi	30	5-10	209	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/23	Toronto	74	8	25	33	76
Bo Groulx	25	6-2	202	Left	Rouen, Fra.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Hartford (AHL)	47	15	22	37	42
Luke Haymes	22	6-1	192	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/25	Dartmouth (ECAC)	22	12	6	18	14
Roni Hirvonen	23	5-10	178	Left	Espoo, Fin.	59th overall (2020)	Toronto (AHL)	59	10	11	21	26
Miroslav Holinka	19	6-2	188	Right	Kromeriz, Cze.	151st overall (2024)	Edmonton (WHL)	47	19	26	45	10
Tyler Hopkins	18	6-1	179	Left	Milton, Ont.	86th overall (2025)	Kingston (OHL)	67	20	31	51	18
Calle Jarnkrok	34	6-0	191	Right	Gavle, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/15/22	Toronto	19	1	6	7	4
Dakota Joshua	29	6-3	206	Left	Dearborn, Mich.	Trade: Van 7/17/25	Vancouver	57	7	7	14	38
David Kampf	30	6-2	193	Left	Chomutov, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Toronto	59	5	8	13	14
Tinus Luc Koblar	18	6-4	189	Left	Kranj, Slo.	64th overall (2025)	Leksand Jr. (Swe.)	43	8	13	21	14
Braeden Kressler	22	5-9	169	Right	Kitchener, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/2/21	Cincinnati (ECHL)	25	9	13	22	20
Scott Laughton	31	6-1	191	Left	Oakville, Ont.	Trade: Phi 3/7/25	Philadelphia/Toronto	80	13	18	31	32
Vinni Lettieri	30	5-10	184	Right	Excelsior, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Providence (AHL)	47	21	29	50	20
Steven Lorentz	29	6-4	216	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/7/24	Toronto	80	8	11	19	9
Hudson Malinoski	21	6-0	175	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	153rd overall (2023)	Providence (HE)	35	11	12	23	26
Auston Matthews	28	6-3	217	Left	San Ramon, Calif.	1st overall (2016)	Toronto	67	33	45	78	20
Bobby McMann	29	6-2	215	Left	Wainwright, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 4/29/22	Toronto	74	20	14	34	27
Joe Miller	23	5-8	147	Right	Minneapolis, Minn.	180th overall (2020)	Harvard (ECAC)	28	5	18	23	8
Jacob Quillan	23	6-1	204	Left	Dartmouth, N.S.	Free Agent: signed 4/1/24	Toronto (AHL)	67	18	19	37	38
Nicolas Roy	28	6-4	201	Right	Amos, Que.	Trade: Veg 6/30/25	Vegas	71	15	16	31	43
Wyatt Schingoethe	23	5-10	200	Left	Algonquin, Ill.	195th overall (2020)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	31	5	6	11	2
John Tavares	35	6-1	211	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/18	Toronto	75	38	36	74	46
Ryan Tverberg	23	5-11	187	Right	Richmond Hill, Ont.	213th overall (2020)	Toronto (AHL)	46	4	7	11	18
LEFT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
Matthew Hlacar	19	6-3	201	Left	Binbrook, Ont.	217th overall (2025)	Kitchener (OHL)	43	7	1	8	62
Vladislav Kara	27	6-1	187	Left	Salekhard, Rus.	124th overall (2017)	Vit. Moscow/Novosibirsk (KHL)	58	12	13	25	10
Matthew Knies	22	6-3	227	Left	Phoenix, Ariz.	57th overall (2021)	Toronto	78	29	29	58	43
Matias Maccelli	24	5-11	185	Left	Turku, Fin.	Trade: Uth 6/30/25	Utah	55	8	10	18	8
Sam McCue	19	6-3	196	Left	Sudbury, Ont.	216th overall (2024)	Owen Sound/Flint (OHL)	55	36	19	55	67
Michael Pezzetta	27	6-1	219	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Montreal	25	0	0	0	24
Alexander Plesovskikh	19	6-2	174	Right	Tyumen, Rus.	152nd overall (2024)	Spartak Jr./Kryl. Sovetov Jr. (Rus.)	52	17	24	41	30
Nicholas Robertson	24	5-9	178	Left	Pasadena, Calif.	53rd overall (2019)	Toronto	69	15	7	22	16
RIGHT WINGERS	**AGE**	**HT.**	**WT.**	**SHOOTS**	**BORN**	**ACQUIRED**	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**	**P**	**PIM**
William Belle	18	6-3	219	Right	Dongguan, Chn.	137th overall (2025)	USA U18 (NTDP)	55	4	12	16	67
Easton Cowan	20	6-0	185	Left	Strathroy, Ont.	28th overall (2023)	London (OHL)	46	29	40	69	41
Semyon Kizimov	25	6-0	176	Left	Togliatti, Rus.	211th overall (2018)	Yekaterinburg (KHL)	44	12	13	25	18
Veeti Miettinen	24	5-9	161	Left	Espoo, Fin.	168th overall (2020)	KalPa/KooKoo (Liiga)	31	9	5	14	0
Nicholas Moldenhauer	21	5-10	170	Right	Oakville, Ont.	95th overall (2022)	Michigan (Big Ten)	29	3	7	10	4
Harry Nansi	18	6-3	186	Right	Brossard, Que.	153rd overall (2025)	Owen Sound (OHL)	67	7	16	23	14
William Nylander	29	6-0	202	Right	Calgary, Alta.	8th overall (2014)	Toronto	82	45	39	84	26
Kirill Slepets	26	5-10	165	Left	Khabarovsk, Rus.	Trade: Car 3/1/24	Khabarovsk (KHL)	54	7	8	15	12
Borya Valis	21	6-2	195	Right	Los Angeles, Calif.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/25	Prince George (WHL)	66	34	46	80	48

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
38-31-13 (.543)

OVERTIME
7-9

SHOOTOUT
1-4

OVERALL
19th

OFFENSE
2.93 GPG (21st)

DEFENSE
3.01 GAA (17th)

POWER PLAY
24.2% (10th)

PENALTY KILL
79.3% (15th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.78 (3rd)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.4 (13th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
C. Keller (19:07)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
M. Sergachev (25:07)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Andre Tourigny

GM
Bill Armstrong

CAPTAIN
Clayton Keller

ARENA
Delta Center

CAPACITY
16,200

AHL AFFILIATE
Tucson Roadrunners

ECHL AFFILIATE
N/A

BY AUSTIN FACER

THE MAMMOTH ROAM THE earth once again – in Utah, at least. After a season as the Utah Hockey Club, the team unveiled its permanent name in May and is now focused on a push toward the Stanley Cup playoffs.

GM Bill Armstrong set perfect expectations for the team last summer, saying the goal was to play meaningful games late in the season. Utah delivered, staying competitive until the final stretch. Now, the Mammoth aim to take the next step. The off-season brought major moves. Utah won big at the draft lottery, jumping 10 spots to land the No. 4 pick. Just before the draft, the Mammoth traded Josh Doan and Michael Kesselring for rising star JJ Peterka. With their pick, they selected center Caleb Desnoyers. Free agency brought in key veterans, including defenseman Nate Schmidt and left winger Brandon Tanev, rounding out a roster built to take a mammoth step forward.

>OFFENSE

Clayton Keller led the way in Utah's first NHL season with a career-high 90 points (30 goals). Logan Cooley and Dylan Guenther each topped 60 points, while Nick Schmaltz added 63. Despite the production, Utah finished tied for 20th in goals scored. The addition of Peterka, who posted 68 points last season, adds firepower to the top six. Tanev, signed to a three-year deal in free agency, brings needed grit and leadership. The Mammoth's forward depth includes Kevin Stenlund, the team's most reliable

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faceoff man, and Alexander Kerfoot, who earned an extension for his two-way play. Lawson Crouse is aiming to rebound after a down year.

>DEFENSE

Mikhail Sergachev got his chance to be a No. 1 defenseman last season and made the most of it. His average time on ice – 25:07 over 77 games – led Utah skaters, anchoring a blueline decimated by injuries. The loss of Sean Durzi (52 games) and John Marino (47 games) placed a heavy burden on Sergachev for much of the season. His load was eased by the acquisition of Olli Maatta and a full 82-game effort from Ian Cole, both of whom signed extensions around the trade deadline. Shortly after trading Kesselring to Buffalo, Utah added Schmidt, one of the league's best third-pairing defensemen. Barring injuries, the Mammoth will be stable and well-rounded on the back end.

>GOALTENDING

Karel Vejmelka had a breakout in 2024-25 and became a cult favorite in Utah, posting career bests in goals-against average and save percentage. He signed a five-year extension after taking over the No. 1 role when Connor Ingram entered the NHL/NHLPA Player Assistance Program. With Ingram's status unclear, Utah added Vitek Vanecek as the presumptive backup to Vejmelka.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Keller and Guenther were integral to Utah's power play last season. Guenther led the team with 12 PP goals, while Keller topped the squad with 27 PP assists. Trailing Keller in assists on the man advantage was Sergachev, who recorded 20. Sergachev also played a key role on the penalty kill, alongside Cole, Stenlund and Kerfoot, who may have shone brightest when Utah was shorthanded. For the most part, Utah's special-teams units will look similar to last season. The wild card is Peterka, who had 18 PP points with Buffalo. How he fits in is something to watch.

>INTANGIBLES

Despite the excitement of a new name and fresh faces, Utah's biggest off-season asset may have been stability. Last year was a whirlwind – relocating from Arizona and relaunching as a new franchise in just five months. This summer, by contrast, offered a return to relative normalcy. For a team looking to take the next step, not having to manage the chaos of a complicated move could make all the difference.

>ROOKIES

Towering Russians Danil But and Dmitriy Simashev, both 2023 first-round picks, signed entry-level deals after winning a KHL title with Lokomotiv Yaroslavl. Both will compete for NHL spots. Recent first-rounders Desnoyers and Tij Iginla will also attend camp but will need more time before making the jump.

>X-FACTOR

Keller emerged as a leader last season, nearly pushing Utah into the playoffs before captaining the U.S. to gold at the World Championship. Snubbed from the 4 Nations roster last season, he'll be further motivated to start strong in the hopes of landing an Olympic spot. If he does, it will help Utah build momentum for a playoff run.

>THE BRASS

Armstrong made forward-thinking moves this off-season, highlighted by the Peterka trade and the selection of Desnoyers. Coach Andre Tourigny may have his best roster yet. Owner Ryan Smith continues to earn praise as one of the NHL's most dynamic new owners thanks to investment in the club and community. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Clayton Keller	1. Logan Cooley	1. Dylan Guenther
2. Nick Schmaltz	2. Barrett Hayton	2. JJ Peterka
3. Lawson Crouse	3. Jack McBain	3. Alexander Kerfoot
4. Michael Carcone	4. Kevin Stenlund	4. Brandon Tanev
5. Daniil But	5. Cole Beaudoin	5. Kailer Yamamoto

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Mikhail Sergachev	6. Ian Cole	1. Karel Vejmelka
2. John Marino	7. Dmitriy Simashev	2. Vitek Vanecek
3. Sean Durzi	8. Maveric Lamoureux	3. Connor Ingram
4. Olli Maatta	9. Juuso Valimaki	
5. Nate Schmidt	10. Scott Perunovich	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Nick Bjugstad, C; Michael Kesselring, D; Matias Maccelli, LW; Josh Doan, RW Robert Bortuzzo, D

TIJ IGINLA

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Tij Iginla
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Kelowna (WHL)
Was dominating before season-ending hip surgery. Nose for net and natural goal-scoring talent.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

2. Caleb Desnoyers
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Moncton (QMJHL)
High IQ sees him thrive in all situations. Can run the wall on power play and then kill a penalty.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Dmitriy Simashev
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Yaroslavl (KHL)
The 6-foot-4 defender uses his physical tools remarkably well. Profiles as a shutdown 'D.'
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Danil But
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Yaroslavl (KHL)
Didn't find next gear in KHL but move to AHL opens doors for big, swift-skating winger. Great shot.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Maveric Lamoureux
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Tucson (AHL)
NHL injuries provided opportunity, and he dove in. Physicality stands out, but discipline is key.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Cole Beaudoin
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Barrie (OHL)
Inspires teammates with effort. A buzzsaw in all three zones. Always moving. Middle-six potential.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Artem Duda
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Tucson (AHL)
Jump from USports to AHL is huge, but he adjusted well. He plays low-risk, high-reward game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Michael Hrabal
Pos G **Age** 20
2024-25 UMass (HE)
Not much net exposed by 6-foot-6 netminder. Great season topped by leading Czechia to WJC bronze.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Tomas Lavoie
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Strong skater learning how to squeeze every ounce out of his 6-foot-4 frame. A solid project.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

10. Max Psenicka
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Portland (WHL)
Bedded in well in WHL after arriving from Czechia. Patience is key, but he has great physical tools.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
	87 Keller	
80		
	74 Cooley	
	65 Guenther	
	62 Peterka	
60	61 Schmaltz	
	54 Hayton	Sergachev 52
40		
	37 Kerfoot	
		Durzi 32
	31 Crouse	
	28 McBain	
	24 Tanev	Marino 24
20	20 Stenlund	Schmidt 20
		Maatta 17
		Cole 13
		Perunovich 12
	9 O'Brien	Valimaki 9
0		

SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Wed, Oct 15	vs Calgary	9:30 PM
Fri, Oct 17	vs San Jose	9:00 PM
Sun, Oct 19	vs Boston	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ Winnipeg	6:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Edmonton	9:30 PM
Sun, Nov 2	vs Tampa Bay	3:30 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12	vs Buffalo	9:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	vs NY Islanders	9:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Vegas	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs NY Rangers	9:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Vegas	9:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Montreal	9:30 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Dallas	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 3	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	@ Vancouver	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Calgary	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	vs Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Wed, Dec 10	vs Florida	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 12	vs Seattle	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	@ Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	@ Detroit	7:30 PM
Fri, Dec 19	vs New Jersey	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Nashville	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ NY Islanders	3:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ New Jersey	3:00 PM
Mon, Jan 5	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	vs Ottawa	9:30 PM
Fri, Jan 9	vs St. Louis	9:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Toronto	9:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Dallas	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Seattle	5:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs Philadelphia	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Nashville	3:30 PM
Mon, Jan 26	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Dallas	9:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs Vancouver	9:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Detroit	9:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	vs Minnesota	9:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	vs Chicago	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 9	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Chicago	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Pittsburgh	9:00 PM
Mon, Mar 16	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 20	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Edmonton	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Washington	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Vancouver	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Edmonton	9:30 PM
Thu, Apr 9	vs Nashville	9:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Carolina	5:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Winnipeg	9:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	vs St. Louis	8:00 PM

STEVE DUNSMOOR/KELOWNA ROCKETS

ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Utah MAMMOTH

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Michael Hrabal	20	6-6	209	Left	Prague, Cze.	38th overall (2023)	UMass (HE)	36	19-12-5	2.37	.924
Connor Ingram	28	6-1	218	Left	Saskatoon, Sask.	Waivers: Nsh 10/10/22	Utah	22	9-8-4	3.27	.882
Carsen Musser	20	6-4	215	Left	Fairmont, Minn.	166th overall (2023)	Colorado (NCHC)	9	3-3-0	3.94	.879
Jaxson Stauber	26	6-3	174	Left	Wayzata, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/5/24	Tucson (AHL)	21	12-7-3	3.14	.897
Melker Thelin	20	6-2	170	Left	Umea, Swe.	134th overall (2023)	Bjorkloven (Swe.2)	23	16-6-0	2.56	.908
Anson Thornton	22	6-3	180	Right	Oshawa, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/11/21	Allen (ECHL)	31	2-18-7	4.35	.888
Ivan Tkach-Tkachenko	18	6-3	185	Left	Ufa, Rus.	142nd overall (2025)	Ufa Jr. (Rus.)	40	23-8-7	2.99	.908
Vitek Vanecek	29	6-2	184	Left	Havlickuv Brod, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Jose/Florida	25	5-14-4	3.62	.884
Karel Vejmelka	29	6-4	221	Right	Trebic, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 5/4/21	Utah	58	26-22-8	2.58	.904
Matt Villalta	26	6-3	190	Left	Kingston, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Tucson (AHL)	43	18-22-4	3.03	.905

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Reko Alanko	18	6-5	201	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	182nd overall (2025)	Jokerit Jr. (Fin.)	33	4	9	13	50
Gregor Biber	19	6-3	187	Left	Krems, Aut.	98th overall (2024)	Rogle (Swe.)	50	2	1	3	24
Ales Cech	21	6-3	196	Left	Prague, Cze.	153rd overall (2024)	Mlada Boleslav (Cze.)	32	0	2	2	16
Ian Cole	36	6-1	237	Left	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Utah	82	1	16	17	77
Kevin Connauton	35	6-2	205	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Tucson (AHL)	56	6	11	17	78
Nick DeSimone	30	6-2	194	Right	East Amherst, N.Y.	Waivers: NJ 1/5/25	Utah	20	1	5	6	0
Artem Duda	21	6-1	187	Left	Moscow, Rus.	36th overall (2022)	Tucson (AHL)	70	6	23	29	14
Sean Durzi	26	6-1	196	Right	Mississauga, Ont.	Trade: LA 6/24/23	Utah	30	4	7	11	19
Terrell Goldsmith	20	6-4	223	Left	Fort St. James, B.C.	102nd overall (2023)	Tri-City (WHL)	56	4	12	16	99
Ludvig Johnson	19	6-0	181	Left	Zug, Sui.	174th overall (2025)	Zug (Sui.)	31	4	6	10	10
Ludvig Lafton	19	6-2	187	Left	Baerum, Nor.	190th overall (2024)	Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)	42	4	15	19	18
Maveric Lamoureux	21	6-6	196	Right	Laval, Que.	29th overall (2022)	Tucson (AHL)	42	2	11	13	48
Tomas Lavoie	19	6-4	215	Right	Repentigny, Que.	89th overall (2024)	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	60	15	40	55	31
Olli Maatta	31	6-2	207	Left	Jyvaskyla, Fin.	Trade: Det 10/29/24	Detroit/Utah	77	2	16	18	16
John Marino	28	6-1	200	Right	North Easton, Mass.	Trade: NJ 6/29/24	Utah	35	1	13	14	2
Matthew Morden	21	6-4	203	Left	Hamilton, Ont.	131st overall (2022)	Harvard (ECAC)	31	1	5	6	6
Montana Onyebuchi	25	6-3	201	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/23	Tucson (AHL)	64	3	7	10	112
Scott Perunovich	27	5-10	175	Left	Hibbing, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	St. Louis/NY Islanders	35	2	7	9	10
Max Psenicka	18	6-5	177	Right	Prague, Cze.	46th overall (2025)	Portland (WHL)	24	1	6	7	12
Nate Schmidt	34	6-0	197	Left	St. Cloud, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Florida	80	5	14	19	30
Mikhail Sergachev	27	6-3	212	Left	Nizhnekamsk, Rus.	Trade: TB 6/29/24	Utah	77	15	38	53	32
Dmitriy Simashev	20	6-4	198	Left	Kostroma, Rus.	6th overall (2023)	Yaroslavl (KHL)	56	1	5	6	4
Will Skahan	19	6-4	209	Left	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	65th overall (2024)	Boston College (HE)	30	2	5	7	10
Maksymilian Szuber	23	6-3	215	Left	Opole, Pol.	163rd overall (2022)	Tucson (AHL)	65	7	25	32	47
Cal Thomas	22	6-0	185	Left	Maple Grove, Minn.	171st overall (2021)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	27	1	8	9	8
Veeti Vaisanen	19	6-0	177	Left	Hamina, Fin.	96th overall (2024)	Medicine Hat (WHL)	58	4	20	24	37
Juuso Valimaki	26	6-2	201	Left	Tampere, Fin.	Waivers: Cgy 10/9/22	Utah	43	2	3	5	14

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Owen Allard	21	6-2	190	Left	Renfrew, Ont.	135th overall (2024)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	31	14	14	28	4
Samu Bau	21	6-5	214	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	162nd overall (2023)	Ilves (Fin.)	40	4	6	10	16
Cole Beaudoin	19	6-2	209	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	24th overall (2024)	Barrie (OHL)	52	22	29	51	4
Jonathan Castagna	20	6-1	183	Left	Toronto, Ont.	70th overall (2023)	Cornell (ECAC)	32	5	10	15	20
Logan Cooley	21	6-0	191	Left	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3rd overall (2022)	Utah	75	25	40	65	46
Caleb Desnoyers	18	6-2	178	Left	St-Hyacinthe, Que.	4th overall (2025)	Moncton (QMJHL)	56	35	49	84	39
Curtis Douglas	25	6-9	242	Left	Oakville, Ont.	Trade: Tor 11/23/22	Tucson (AHL)	63	10	13	23	117
Barrett Hayton	25	6-1	200	Left	Peterborough, Ont.	5th overall (2018)	Utah	82	20	26	46	45
Cameron Hebig	28	5-10	184	Right	Saskatoon, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/18/25	Tucson (AHL)	67	26	21	47	34
Vojtech Hradec	20	6-4	202	Left	Mlada Boleslav, Cze.	167th overall (2024)	Mlada Boleslav (Cze.)	37	4	8	12	4
Tij Iginla	19	6-0	182	Left	Kelowna, B.C.	6th overall (2024)	Kelowna (WHL)	21	14	18	32	13
Alexander Kerfoot	31	5-11	185	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Utah	81	11	17	28	14
Tanner Ludtke	20	6-0	185	Left	Lakeville, Minn.	81st overall (2023)	Nebraska-Omaha (NCHC)	8	1	1	2	2
Jack McBain	25	6-4	219	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Trade: Min 3/21/22	Utah	82	13	14	27	78
Liam O'Brien	31	6-1	215	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Utah	28	0	2	2	50
Nick Schmaltz	29	6-0	184	Right	Madison, Wis.	Trade: Chi 11/25/18	Utah	82	20	43	63	14
Gabe Smith	19	6-4	208	Left	St. Andrews, N.B.	103rd overall (2024)	Moncton (QMJHL)	52	20	19	39	63
Kevin Stenlund	29	6-3	213	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Utah	82	14	14	28	40

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Andrew Agozzino	34	5-10	187	Left	Kleinburg, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Tucson (AHL)	55	20	23	43	54
Danil But	20	6-5	203	Right	Yaroslavl, Rus.	12th overall (2023)	Yaroslavl (KHL)	54	9	19	28	16
Michael Carcone	29	5-9	182	Left	Ajax, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/29/21	Utah	53	7	12	19	36
Lawson Crouse	28	6-4	214	Left	Mt. Brydges, Ont.	Trade: Fla 8/25/16	Utah	81	12	6	18	39
Ilya Fedotov	22	6-0	176	Right	Saratov, Rus.	43rd overall (2021)	Sochi (KHL)	28	4	6	10	24
Stepan Hoch	18	6-4	192	Left	Ceske Budejovice, Cze.	78th overall (2025)	Ceske Budejovice Jr. (Cze.)	30	12	17	29	18
Michal Kunc	24	6-0	187	Left	Brno, Cze.	Free Agent: signed 4/24/25	Olomouc (Cze.)	49	13	22	35	12
Sam Lipkin	22	6-2	192	Left	Philadelphia, Pa.	223rd overall (2021)	Tucson (AHL)	56	10	5	15	27
Julian Lutz	21	6-1	185	Left	Weingarten, Ger.	43rd overall (2022)	Tucson (AHL)	47	2	11	13	12
Ben McCartney	24	6-0	182	Left	Portage la Prairie, Man.	204th overall (2020)	Tucson (AHL)	63	16	17	33	86
Noel Nordh	20	6-2	196	Left	Soderhamn, Swe.	72nd overall (2023)	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	47	21	31	52	6
Brandon Tanev	33	6-0	189	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Seattle/Winnipeg	79	10	12	22	16

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Yegor Borikov	20	6-1	180	Left	Zhlobin, Blr.	110th overall (2025)	Minsk (KHL)	67	12	13	25	1
Dylan Guenther	22	6-1	191	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	9th overall (2021)	Utah	70	27	33	60	26
Clayton Keller	27	5-10	175	Left	Chesterfield, Mo.	7th overall (2016)	Utah	81	30	60	90	28
Miko Matikka	21	6-3	187	Right	Helsinki, Fin.	67th overall (2022)	Tucson (AHL)	28	0	2	2	2
Vadim Moroz	21	6-2	185	Right	Minsk, Blr.	88th overall (2023)	Minsk (KHL)	66	26	18	44	31
JJ Peterka	23	6-0	189	Left	Munich, Ger.	Trade: Buf 6/26/25	Buffalo	77	27	41	68	34
Kailer Yamamoto	27	5-9	178	Right	Spokane, Wash.	Free Agent: signed 10/6/24	Tucson (AHL)	54	20	36	56	41

Vancouver CANUCKS

2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
38-30-14 (.549)

OVERTIME
7-12

SHOOTOUT
3-2

OVERALL
18th

OFFENSE
2.84 GPG (23rd)

DEFENSE
3.06 GAA (18th)

POWER PLAY
22.5% (15th)

PENALTY KILL
82.6% (3rd)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.30 (27th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.34 (8th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
E. Pettersson (18:40)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
Q. Hughes (25:44)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Adam Foote

GM
Patrik Allvin

CAPTAIN
Quinn Hughes

ARENA
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CAPACITY
18,910

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Abbotsford Canucks

ECHL AFFILIATE
Kalamazoo Wings

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BY BEN KUZMA

THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS' 2024-25 season was like a boxer who absorbed too many blows and couldn't pick himself up. During a demoralizing and drama-filled campaign, it seemed to all go wrong in a series of telling blows.

From a plethora of injuries to a prickly disconnect between J.T. Miller and Elias Pettersson, it affected on-ice performances and the mood in the room as the Canucks went from Pacific Division champions to missing the playoffs. Miller was eventually traded to the New York Rangers on Jan. 31, and while the Canucks received center Filip Chytil in a return package, the gaping hole to replace a true No. 1 pivot remained. The season also took a toll on coach Rick Tocchet. Tocchet stepped down in late April and bolted to the Philadelphia Flyers May 14 to run their bench. The Canucks responded by promoting assistant coach Adam Foote to the helm to steady the ship.

>OFFENSE

The Canucks had the 23rd-ranked offense, despite Jake DeBrusk and free-agent departure Pius Suter hitting career highs of 28 and 25 goals. An inability to push the pace resulted in a brutal 3-20-5 record when trailing after two periods, compared to a 27-1-8 record when leading after 40 minutes. The killer was 14 overtime losses, tied for the worst mark in the league. Winning half of those games would have meant squeaking into the final wild-card spot. However, not all was bad. Brock Boeser signed a seven-

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year extension, while Evander Kane was acquired to add grit and scoring punch. Quinn Hughes led the team in scoring with 76 points despite missing 14 games to injury, but Pettersson plummeted to 45 points after missing 18 games.

>DEFENSE

Through trades and development, the back end became one of the few good-news stories last season. Gone were too many odd-man rushes, mistakes and turnovers. The improved Canucks had a better presence down low and quicker exits in transition. Simply put, the Canucks grew a bigger backbone. Marcus Pettersson, Elias Pettersson and Victor Mancini arrived to give the defense a new look and flexibility. It allowed the top pairing of Hughes and Filip Hronek to be split, resulting in better overall chemistry. Derek Forbort was signed to a one-year extension to provide depth and leadership. There's also added depth in prospects Kirill Kudryavtsev and Tom Willander.

>GOALTENDING

Thatcher Demko and Kevin Lankinen are both locked up contractually. Demko, who has another season remaining at $5 million, signed a three-year extension, while Lankinen has five more years at $4.5 million annually. It's a good fit financially, but how the net is divided will be crucial. Demko was limited to 23 games last season because of injuries, while Lankinen became the first goalie in NHL history to win his first 10 road starts in a season. Lankinen also played a career-high 51 games with a career-best 2.62 goals-against average.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

An impressive penalty kill ranked third overall with an 82.6 percent success rate. Suter's loss will be felt, but Teddy Blueger will continue to set the tone up front. The power play continues to be less than the sum of its parts. Despite quarterback Hughes adding another element by darting low and wide to shoot or wheeling around the net for options, the Canucks sat in 15th at 22.5 percent efficiency. DeBrusk tied for fifth in the NHL with 14 power-play goals.

>INTANGIBLES

After last year's debacle, the leadership group and new coach Foote will have their hands full trying to rebuild chemistry in the room. Kane has to be motivated by a contract season. The East Vancouver native has twice hit the 30-goal plateau. If he stays healthy, that's reachable. Elias Pettersson was a 100-point scorer in 2022-23. If the Canucks want to get back into the post-season, he needs to reemerge as a star.

>ROOKIES

Jonathan Lekkerimaki played 24 NHL games last season and is still considered a rookie. But in a season of redemption for a returning roster, will he wing it in the NHL or AHL? It will be tough for any youngster to crack the heart of the lineup with Boeser and Kane giving the top six more punch and Conor Garland getting a six-year extension for his drive and determination.

>X-FACTOR

When Demko is healthy and on top of his game, he's among the NHL's best goalies. His 2024 Vezina Trophy nomination was proof, but a history of knee, groin and hip ailments has kept him from being a consistent difference-maker.

>THE BRASS

GM Patrik Allvin had just $7 million in salary-cap space for free agency and couldn't land a center, so he pivoted back to keeping Boeser. Now, he must trade roster players to give Elias Pettersson help. It was the No. 1 job in the off-season.

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DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Jake DeBrusk	1. Elias Pettersson	1. Brock Boeser
2. Evander Kane	2. Filip Chytil	2. Conor Garland
3. Nils Hoglander	3. Teddy Blueger	3. Kiefer Sherwood
4. Drew O'Connor	4. Aatu Raty	4. Linus Karlsson
5. Vitali Kravtsov	5. Max Sasson	5. Jonathan Lekkerimaki

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Quinn Hughes	6. Elias Pettersson	1. Thatcher Demko
2. Filip Hronek	7. Victor Mancini	2. Kevin Lankinen
3. Marcus Pettersson	8. P.O. Joseph	3. Nikita Tolopilo
4. Tyler Myers	9. Kirill Kudryavtsev	
5. Derek Forbort	10. Tom Willander	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Dakota Joshua, LW; Arturs Silovs, G; Pius Suter, C; Phil Di Giuseppe, LW; Noah Juulsen, D

JONATHAN LEKKERIMAKI

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Jonathan Lekkerimaki
Pos RW **Age** 21
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Plays with two-way responsibility not found in many young wingers. Goal-scoring upside shone in AHL.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Tom Willander
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston University (HE)
Whether skating puck or firing a pass, he's a breakout machine. Good in D-zone, too. Pro bound.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Braeden Cootes
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Seattle (WHL)
Pairs solid skating with great instincts. Can produce in all situations and win the matchup game.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

4. Aleksei Medvedev
Pos G **Age** 18
2024-25 London (OHL)
Good size and has strong movement, technical ability and puck-handling. Latter really stands out.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

5. Aatu Raty
Pos C **Age** 22
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Beginning to deliver on all that promise. Good on the dot and plays with fire on the forecheck.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

6. Max Sasson
Pos C **Age** 25
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Important contributor en route to Calder Cup. He's a distributor. Plays funnel through him.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

7. Elias Pettersson
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Nothing flashy, just good, hard hockey. Uses size to separate opponents from pucks. Good passer.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

8. Kieren Dervin
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 St. Andrew's (CAHS)
Plays straight-line game and attacks space with speed. NCAA will be good for Penn State commit.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

9. Arshdeep Bains
Pos LW **Age** 24
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Plays within himself. Knows his game and thrives as high-energy, defensively sound winger.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

10. Ty Mueller
Pos C **Age** 22
2024-25 Abbotsford (AHL)
Swiss Army Knife-type who plays reliable game in all three zones but lacks one standout attribute.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
		Hughes 88
80	81 E. Pettersson	
60		
	54 Boeser	
	49 Kane 49 Garland 48 DeBrusk	Hronek 45
40		
	31 Sherwood 30 Chytil 29 O'Connor 29 Raty 28 Hoglander 24 Lekkerimaki	Myers 22
20	22 Blueger 20 Karlsson	M. Pettersson 22
		Willander 15
		Forbort 11 Mancini 9 E. Pettersson 8
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13	vs St. Louis	7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Fri, Oct 17	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Sun, Oct 19	@ Washington	12:30 PM
Tue, Oct 21	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Thu, Oct 23	@ Nashville	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	vs NY Rangers	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Minnesota	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 3	@ Nashville	8:30 PM
Wed, Nov 5	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 14	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Calgary	9:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	vs Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 8	vs Detroit	10:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Buffalo	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	@ New Jersey	12:30 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 22	@ Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 30	vs Philadelphia	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	vs Seattle	10:30 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Boston	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 12	@ Montreal	7:30 PM
Tue, Jan 13	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Edmonton	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs NY Islanders	10:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	vs Washington	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	vs New Jersey	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	vs Pittsburgh	6:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Utah	9:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Mon, Mar 2	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Mon, Mar 9	vs Ottawa	9:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Florida	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Tampa Bay	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	vs St. Louis	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Mon, Mar 30	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1	@ Colorado	8:30 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	vs Vegas	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	@ Anaheim	8:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 16	@ Edmonton	9:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Vancouver CANUCKS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Thatcher Demko	29	6-4	192	Left	San Diego, Calif.	36th overall (2014)	Vancouver	23	10-8-3	2.90	.889
Aku Koskenvuo	22	6-4	173	Left	Espoo, Fin.	137th overall (2021)	Harvard (ECAC)	20	8-9-1	2.81	.902
Kevin Lankinen	30	6-2	190	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 9/21/24	Vancouver	51	25-15-10	2.62	.902
Aleksei Medvedev	18	6-2	178	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	47th overall (2025)	London (OHL)	34	22-8-2	2.79	.912
Jiri Patera	26	6-3	212	Left	Prague, Cze.	Waivers: Bos 10/7/24	Henderson (AHL)	25	11-10-4	2.99	.903
Nikita Tolopilo	25	6-6	229	Left	Minsk, Blr.	Free Agent: signed 3/31/23	Abbotsford (AHL)	36	20-14-2	2.66	.902
Ty Young	21	6-3	181	Left	Calgary, Alta.	144th overall (2022)	Kalamazoo (ECHL)	22	10-9-2	2.53	.926

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Parker Alcos	19	6-3	180	Right	Port Moody, B.C.	189th overall (2024)	Edmonton (WHL)	57	1	12	13	42
Guillaume Brisebois	28	6-2	175	Left	Longueuil, Que.	66th overall (2015)	Abbotsford (AHL)	48	2	3	5	19
Aiden Celebrini	20	6-1	187	Right	Vancouver, B.C.	171st overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	31	2	6	8	14
Derek Forbort	33	6-4	216	Left	Duluth, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Vancouver	54	2	9	11	45
Filip Hronek	27	6-0	190	Right	Hradec Kralove, Cze.	Trade: Det 3/1/23	Vancouver	61	5	28	33	40
Quinn Hughes	25	5-10	180	Left	Orlando, Fla.	7th overall (2018)	Vancouver	68	16	60	76	29
P.O. Joseph	26	6-2	185	Left	Laval, Que.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	St. Louis/Pittsburgh	47	0	3	3	45
Kirill Kudryavtsev	21	5-11	200	Left	Yaroslavl, Rus.	208th overall (2022)	Abbotsford (AHL)	65	5	21	26	22
Victor Mancini	23	6-3	215	Right	Hancock, Mich.	Trade: NYR 1/31/25	NY Rangers/Vancouver	31	2	6	8	10
Tyler Myers	35	6-8	229	Right	Houston, Texas	Free Agent: signed 7/1/19	Vancouver	71	6	18	24	74
Sawyer Mynio	20	6-1	173	Left	Kamloops, B.C.	89th overall (2023)	Seattle/Calgary (WHL)	49	14	31	45	66
Marcus Pettersson	29	6-3	177	Left	Skelleftea, Swe.	Trade: Pit 1/31/25	Pittsburgh/Vancouver	78	4	25	29	45
Elias Pettersson	21	6-2	185	Left	Vasteras, Swe.	80th overall (2022)	Abbotsford (AHL)	38	1	12	13	38
Basile Sansonnens	19	6-3	196	Left	Estavayer, Sui.	221st overall (2024)	Rimouski (QMJHL)	54	1	11	12	14
Jimmy Schuldt	30	6-1	203	Left	Minnetonka, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	San Jose (AHL)	64	6	15	21	34
Tom Willander	20	6-1	180	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	11th overall (2023)	Boston Univ. (HE)	39	2	22	24	8
Jett Woo	25	6-0	205	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	37th overall (2018)	Abbotsford (AHL)	67	2	16	18	90

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nils Aman	25	6-2	179	Left	Avesta, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 6/7/22	Abbotsford (AHL)	36	7	23	30	14
Wilson Bjorck	19	6-0	165	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	143rd overall (2025)	Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)	43	28	39	67	98
Teddy Blueger	31	6-0	185	Left	Riga, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/23	Vancouver	82	8	18	26	39
Filip Chytil	26	6-2	208	Left	Kromeriz, Cze.	Trade: NYR 1/31/25	NY Rangers/Vancouver	56	13	13	26	18
Braeden Cootes	18	5-11	183	Right	Sherwood Park, Alta.	15th overall (2025)	Seattle (WHL)	60	26	37	63	18
Kieren Dervin	18	6-1	183	Left	Ottawa, Ont.	65th overall (2025)	St. Andrew's (CAHS)	50	33	46	79	75
Daimon Gardner	21	6-4	200	Left	Eagle Lake, Ont.	112th overall (2022)	St. Cloud St. (NCHC)	32	5	9	14	14
Linus Karlsson	25	6-1	178	Right	Eksjo, Swe.	Trade: SJ 2/25/19	Abbotsford (AHL)	32	23	16	39	24
Joseph LaBate	32	6-5	225	Left	Burnsville, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Cleveland (AHL)	51	8	13	21	81
Matthew Lansing	18	6-0	186	Left	Buffalo, N.Y.	207th overall (2025)	Waterloo/Fargo (USHL)	54	12	15	27	51
Ty Mueller	22	5-11	185	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	105th overall (2023)	Abbotsford (AHL)	64	12	27	39	24
Riley Patterson	19	6-0	192	Right	Burlington, Ont.	125th overall (2024)	Barrie (OHL)	64	25	34	59	19
Matthew Perkins	21	5-11	156	Left	Regina, Sask.	119th overall (2023)	Minnesota-Duluth (NCHC)	29	1	4	5	14
Elias Pettersson	26	6-2	176	Left	Sundsvall, Swe.	5th overall (2017)	Vancouver	64	15	30	45	14
Aatu Raty	22	6-2	190	Left	Oulu, Fin.	Trade: NYI 1/30/23	Abbotsford (AHL)	43	17	23	40	38
Anthony Romani	20	6-0	185	Right	Pickering, Ont.	162nd overall (2024)	North Bay/Barrie (OHL)	35	21	14	35	6
Ilya Safonov	24	6-4	205	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: Chi 6/28/25	Kazan (KHL)	51	7	15	22	22
Max Sasson	25	6-1	181	Left	Birmingham, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 3/26/23	Abbotsford (AHL)	41	13	19	32	18

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Vilmer Alriksson	20	6-6	214	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	107th overall (2023)	Guelph/Brampton (OHL)	43	15	20	35	26
Arshdeep Bains	24	6-0	184	Left	Surrey, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/11/22	Abbotsford (AHL)	50	11	32	43	26
Josh Bloom	22	6-2	182	Left	Oakville, Ont.	Trade: Buf 2/27/23	Kalamazoo (ECHL)	43	20	19	39	15
Jake DeBrusk	28	6-1	198	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Vancouver	82	28	20	48	18
Nils Hoglander	24	5-9	185	Left	Bocktrask, Swe.	40th overall (2019)	Vancouver	72	8	17	25	30
Evander Kane	34	6-2	218	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	Trade: Edm 6/25/25	Edmonton			DNP		
Jackson Kunz	23	6-3	210	Left	Lincoln, Neb.	113th overall (2020)	North Dakota (NCHC)	36	7	8	15	21
Mackenzie MacEachern	31	6-2	193	Left	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Springfield (AHL)	40	12	20	32	54
Drew O'Connor	27	6-3	200	Left	Chatham, N.J.	Trade: Pit 1/31/25	Pittsburgh/Vancouver	84	10	15	25	34
Kiefer Sherwood	30	6-0	194	Right	Columbus, Ohio	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Vancouver	78	19	21	40	35

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Brock Boeser	28	6-1	208	Right	Burnsville, Minn.	23rd overall (2015)	Vancouver	75	25	25	50	16
Gabriel Chiarot	19	5-11	191	Right	Hamilton, Ont.	175th overall (2025)	Brampton (OHL)	66	21	14	35	60
Conor Garland	29	5-10	165	Right	Scituate, Mass.	Trade: Ari 7/23/21	Vancouver	81	19	31	50	52
Danila Klimovich	22	6-2	202	Right	Pinsk, Blr.	41st overall (2021)	Abbotsford (AHL)	65	25	13	38	59
Vitali Kravtsov	25	6-3	186	Left	Vladivostok, Rus.	Trade: NYR 2/25/23	Chelyabinsk (KHL)	66	27	31	58	4
Jonathan Lekkerimaki	21	5-11	172	Right	Tullinge, Swe.	15th overall (2022)	Abbotsford (AHL)	36	19	9	28	0
Anri Ravinskis	22	6-2	186	Left	Riga, Lat.	Free Agent: signed 5/22/25	HPK (Fin.)	27	8	9	17	14
Chase Stillman	22	6-1	185	Right	St. Louis, Mo.	Trade: Pit 7/13/25	Utica/WBS (AHL)	65	4	8	12	54

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
50-22-10 (.671)

OVERTIME
3-5

SHOOTOUT
1-5

OVERALL
3rd

OFFENSE
3.34 GPG (5th)

DEFENSE
2.61 GAA (3rd)

POWER PLAY
28.3% (2nd)

PENALTY KILL
75.7% (26th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.65 (7th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.39 (12th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
J. Eichel (20:32)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
A. Pietrangelo (22:24)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Bruce Cassidy

GM
Kelly McCrimmon

CAPTAIN
Mark Stone

ARENA
T-Mobile Arena

CAPACITY
17,500

AHL AFFILIATE
Henderson Silver Knights

ECHL AFFILIATE
Tahoe Knight Monsters

BY SCOTT ZERR

FOR A TEAM THAT is accustomed to being in the spotlight, the Vegas Golden Knights have seen the brightness dimmed prematurely thanks to two early playoff exits in a row.

A new year brings yet another star in Mitch Marner and another season of high expectations – the "problem" that comes with winning a championship early in your franchise's existence. While Marner's arrival came with much fanfare, the news that 35-year-old Alex Pietrangelo is stepping away from the game to deal with ongoing health issues takes away some of that revelry. This being Vegas, though, one right spin or shuffle puts you back on top. The Golden Knights are certainly good enough to be at the top of the league again, and with GM Kelly McCrimmon always eyeing more glimmer and glitz, there's every reason to believe they can lift the Stanley Cup for a second time.

>OFFENSE

Marner will have Vegas dancing in the aisles of T-Mobile Arena if he finds the same harmony with Jack Eichel that he did with Auston Matthews in Toronto. If Marner and Eichel click, they'll be the biggest duet on The Strip since Donnie & Marie. One of Ivan Barbashev or Pavel Dorofeyev will find himself on the left side of that duo. The Golden Knights, who led the league with 109 third-period goals last season, will be well-positioned down the middle with Tomas Hertl, William Karlsson and Colton Sissons. Reilly Smith returned to Vegas last season and gives the Golden

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Knights another veteran contributor alongside the likes of Mark Stone and Brandon Saad. Neither Noah Hanifin nor Shea Theodore is a true offensive defenseman, but both can skillfully move the puck and are unafraid to join the rush.

>DEFENSE

When McCrimmon acquired Hanifin at a bargain price, it was a prime example of the Knights' uncanny ability to land the hottest player on the market. It now looks to be a monumental premonition, considering the additional pressure that will be on a D-corps without Pietrangelo. Vegas lost another key member to the blueline with Nicolas Hague shipped to Nashville in a cost-cutting move. Jeremy Lauzon was part of the return and slots onto the bottom pairing with Zach Whitecloud or Kaedan Korczak, who got a well-earned shot at full-time duty. Brayden McNabb remains a steadying force, though the hard miles on a 34-year-old frame will eventually become a factor.

>GOALTENDING

As the clear-cut No. 1 netminder, Adin Hill wound up with similar stats to his former partner Logan Thompson in Washington last season. That was more than good enough to get Vegas to the top spot in the Pacific, but with the departure of backup Ilya Samsonov, there's going to be a lot expected of Akira Schmid, who gets bumped up from AHL Henderson. Schmid has a good amount of NHL experience from his time in New Jersey.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Vegas boasted the league's second-best power play last season, with Hertl and Dorofeyev combining for 27 goals. Marner will give the Golden Knights an accomplished setup man, but where his biggest benefit may come is on the penalty kill, which was a mess last season. They'll need newcomer Sissons to win key faceoffs on the PK. Both special-teams units will have a hole with Pietrangelo out of the picture, and a good portion of that responsibility will go to Theodore. Losing Hague takes a physical defender off the kill.

>INTANGIBLES

The 2025-26 campaign marks Stone's sixth season as the Golden Knights' captain. He's played more than 60 games in just one of those seasons, with that being last year. So, after numerous time-consuming injuries, there's an expectation the 33-year-old is up and running at top speed. He may not be the two-way force he was in the past, but being on the ice instead of the in press box magnifies the presence he has with the team.

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>ROOKIES

The Golden Knights have some promising prospects in goaltenders Pavel Moysevich and Carl Lindbom, but neither will be in the mix for at least another season or two. Lukas Cormier, a 2020 third-rounder, missed almost all of 2024-25 due to injury and needs a resurgent season.

>X-FACTOR

It was a down year for Karlsson, who missed close to 30 games and failed to hit double-digits in goals for the first time since 2016-17. While he sits behind Eichel and Hertl on the depth chart, he can still be a solid third-line center if he rediscovers his scoring touch.

>THE BRASS

Was there ever a doubt that McCrimmon would come out on top of the Marner sweepstakes? McCrimmon has yet to miss when it comes to landing the biggest name on the market, though he'll be tasked with further improving the roster during a Cup-or-bust campaign. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Ivan Barbashev	1. Jack Eichel	1. Mitch Marner
2. Pavel Dorofeyev	2. Tomas Hertl	2. Mark Stone
3. Brett Howden	3. William Karlsson	3. Reilly Smith
4. Brandon Saad	4. Colton Sissons	4. Keegan Kolesar
5. Cole Reinhardt	5. Cole Schwindt	5. Alexander Holtz

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Alex Pietrangelo	6. Jeremy Lauzon	1. Adin Hill
2. Shea Theodore	7. Kaedan Korczak	2. Akira Schmid
3. Noah Hanifin	8. Ben Hutton	3. Carl Lindbom
4. Brayden McNabb	9. Jaycob Megna	
5. Zach Whitecloud	10. Dylan Coghlan	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Nicolas Hague, D; Nicolas Roy, RW; Victor Olofsson, LW; Tanner Pearson, LW; Ilya Samsonov, G; Robert Hagg, D; Callahan Burke, C

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TREVOR CONNELLY

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Trevor Connelly
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Providence (HE)
Makes quick reads, distributes well and dashes around the ice. Will benefit from reps at AHL level.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

2. Matyas Sapovaliv
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Henderson (AHL)
Meager point total masks great work done defensively. He's adept at matchup game.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

3. Raphael Lavoie
Pos C **Age** 25
2024-25 Henderson (AHL)
No doubting his offense, but he needs to develop reliability away from puck to reach next level.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

4. Jakob Ihs-Wozniak
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Lulea Jr. (Swe.)
Broke scoring record for 17-year-old in Swedish junior. Consistency key to him reaching potential.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

5. Lukas Cormier
Pos D **Age** 23
2024-25 Henderson (AHL)
Skilled puck-mover and potential power-play quarterback missed majority of 2024-25 with injury.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Pavel Moysevich
Pos G **Age** 21
2024-25 St. Petersburg (KHL)
Fought for starts with SKA last season. Regular playing time will help big, athletic keeper develop.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

7. Arttu Karki
Pos D **Age** 20
2024-25 Assat (Fin.)
Returned to Finland to play pro. Does everything well but nothing spectacularly. A project prospect.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

8. Mathieu Cataford
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Rimouski (QMJHL)
CHL's scholastic player of the year showcases on-ice smarts with his knack for reading play.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

9. Akira Schmid
Pos G **Age** 25
2024-25 Henderson (AHL)
Consistency in the AHL was a challenge, but his performance behind an NHL defense was great.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

10. Mateo Nobert
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Blainville-Bois. (QMJHL)
Pass-first playmaker with good vision drives play. He will have to adjust to pace at next level.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100	103 Marner	
	96 Eichel	
80		
	62 Hertl	
60		Theodore 57
	56 Dorofeyev	
	52 Barbashev	
	52 Stone	
	49 Karlsson	
	44 Howden	
	41 Saad	
40	38 Smith	
		Hanifin 34
	28 Holtz	
	28 Sissons	
	22 Kolesar	
		McNabb 21
20		
	18 Schwindt	Korczak 18
		Whitecloud 14
		Lauzon 10
		Hutton 9
0		

SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Thu, Oct 9	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	vs Boston	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	vs Carolina	10:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	@ Florida	6:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	@ Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Carolina	7:30 PM
Fri, Oct 31	vs Colorado	4:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	vs Detroit	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 6	vs Tampa Bay	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	vs Anaheim	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 10	vs Florida	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	vs NY Islanders	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sun, Nov 16	@ Minnesota	6:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs NY Rangers	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Ottawa	10:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Montreal	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 17	vs New Jersey	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Edmonton	8:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs San Jose	10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Colorado	10:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs Nashville	3:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2	@ St. Louis	3:00 PM
Sun, Jan 4	@ Chicago	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Columbus	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 10	vs St. Louis	10:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	@ San Jose	8:00 PM
Wed, Jan 14	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs Toronto	9:30 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Nashville	10:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	vs Philadelphia	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sun, Jan 25	@ Ottawa	5:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	vs Dallas	10:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Seattle	10:00 PM
Sun, Feb 1	@ Anaheim	9:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	vs Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 4	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 6	vs Minnesota	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 8	vs Edmonton	9:30 PM
Tue, Mar 10	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs Pittsburgh	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Chicago	10:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Buffalo	10:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	vs Utah	10:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Nashville	2:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ Dallas	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Edmonton	9:30 PM
Sat, Mar 28	vs Washington	10:30 PM
Mon, Mar 30	vs Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	vs Calgary	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 7	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Colorado	8:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	vs Winnipeg	10:00 PM
Wed, Apr 15	vs Seattle	10:00 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Vegas GOLDEN KNIGHTS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Adin Hill	29	6-4	215	Left	Comox, B.C.	Trade: SJ 8/29/22	Vegas	50	32-13-5	2.47	.906
Carl Lindbom	22	6-0	165	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	222nd overall (2021)	Henderson (AHL)	36	18-15-3	2.65	.912
Pavel Moysevich	21	6-4	187	Left	Minsk, Blr.	83rd overall (2024)	St. Petersburg (KHL)	18	6-9-1	3.32	.898
Akira Schmid	25	6-5	190	Left	Bern, Sui.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/24	Henderson (AHL)	30	9-18-4	3.58	.886
Jesper Vikman	23	6-4	205	Left	Danderyd, Swe.	125th overall (2020)	Tahoe (ECHL)	42	24-15-3	3.19	.897
Cameron Whitehead	22	6-3	170	Left	Orleans, Ont.	128th overall (2022)	Northeastern (HE)	35	13-17-3	2.74	.911

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Dylan Coghlan	27	6-2	208	Right	Duncan, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Manitoba (AHL)	36	12	16	28	22
Lukas Cormier	23	5-11	190	Left	Ste-Marie-de-Kent, N.B.	68th overall (2020)	Henderson (AHL)	19	0	9	9	10
Noah Ellis	23	6-2	191	Right	Urbandale, Iowa	184th overall (2020)	Nebraska-Omaha (NCHC)	26	1	3	4	8
Joe Fleming	22	6-1	215	Right	Wellesley, Mass.	Free Agent: signed 9/29/22	Henderson (AHL)	35	0	3	3	88
Noah Hanifin	28	6-3	206	Left	Boston, Mass.	Trade: Cgy 3/7/24	Vegas	80	10	29	39	14
Ben Hutton	32	6-3	209	Left	Brockville, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/28/21	Vegas	11	0	2	2	0
Arttu Karki	20	6-2	176	Left	Viiala, Fin.	96th overall (2023)	Tappara/Assat (Fin.)	43	3	11	14	8
Viliam Kmec	21	6-2	212	Right	Kosice, Svk.	Free Agent: signed 9/23/24	Prince George (WHL)	65	18	43	61	66
Kaedan Korczak	24	6-3	203	Right	Yorkton, Sask.	41st overall (2019)	Vegas	40	0	10	10	2
Jeremy Lauzon	28	6-3	225	Left	Val-d'Or, Que.	Trade: Nsh 6/30/25	Nashville	28	0	1	1	37
Brayden McNabb	34	6-4	215	Left	Davidson, Sask.	Expansion: LA 6/21/17	Vegas	82	5	15	20	32
Jaycob Megna	32	6-6	214	Left	Plantation, Fla.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Charlotte (AHL)	64	2	14	16	23
Alex Pietrangelo	35	6-3	215	Right	King City, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 10/12/20	Vegas	71	4	29	33	16
Christoffer Sedoff	23	6-1	210	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/23	Henderson (AHL)	61	4	10	14	31
Gustav Sjoqvist	19	6-3	207	Left	Stockholm, Swe.	187th overall (2025)	AIK (Swe.2)	39	3	4	7	8
Shea Theodore	30	6-2	197	Left	Aldergrove, B.C.	Trade: Ana 6/21/17	Vegas	67	7	50	57	26
Zach Whitecloud	28	6-2	210	Right	Brandon, Man.	Free Agent: signed 3/8/18	Vegas	74	4	9	13	37
Abram Wiebe	22	6-2	187	Left	Mission, B.C.	209th overall (2022)	North Dakota (NCHC)	38	4	20	24	24

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Ivan Barbashev	29	6-0	203	Left	Moscow, Rus.	Trade: StL 2/26/23	Vegas	70	23	28	51	10
Jakub Brabenec	22	6-1	185	Left	Jihlava, Cze.	102nd overall (2021)	Henderson (AHL)	62	9	13	22	12
Mathieu Cataford	20	5-11	191	Right	Chateauguay, Que.	77th overall (2023)	Rimouski (QMJHL)	54	19	45	64	38
Jakub Demek	22	6-4	215	Left	Kosice, Svk.	128th overall (2021)	Henderson (AHL)	31	6	13	19	2
Ryder Donovan	24	6-3	184	Right	Duluth, Minn.	110th overall (2019)	St. Thomas (CCHA)	24	0	2	2	24
Jack Eichel	28	6-2	206	Right	North Chelmsford, Mass.	Trade: Buf 11/4/21	Vegas	77	28	66	94	8
Jordan Gustafson	21	5-11	191	Left	Ardrossan, Alta.	79th overall (2022)	Lethbridge (WHL)	8	6	3	9	12
Tomas Hertl	31	6-3	220	Left	Prague, Cze.	Trade: SJ 3/8/24	Vegas	73	32	29	61	20
Brett Howden	27	6-2	201	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: NYR 7/17/21	Vegas	80	23	17	40	46
Jakob Ihs-Wozniak	18	6-2	184	Right	Adelaide, Aus.	55th overall (2025)	Lulea Jr. (Swe.)	40	23	34	57	18
William Karlsson	32	6-0	190	Left	Marsta, Swe.	Expansion: Clb 6/21/17	Vegas	53	9	20	29	4
Tanner Laczynski	28	6-1	205	Right	Minooka, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Henderson (AHL)	41	15	22	37	22
Raphael Lavoie	25	6-4	215	Right	Chambly, Que.	Waivers: Edm 10/11/24	Henderson (AHL)	42	17	10	27	39
Ivan Morozov	25	6-1	178	Right	Khanty-Mansiysk, Rus.	61st overall (2018)	Spartak Moscow (KHL)	64	19	31	50	34
Mateo Nobert	18	6-0	166	Left	Beaconsfield, Que.	85th overall (2025)	Blainville-Boisbriand (QMJHL)	57	28	39	67	24
Matyas Sapovaliv	21	6-4	203	Left	Prague, Cze.	48th overall (2022)	Henderson (AHL)	71	11	8	19	20
Colton Sissons	31	6-1	200	Right	North Vancouver, B.C.	Trade: Nsh 6/30/25	Nashville	72	7	14	21	22
Kai Uchacz	22	6-2	209	Right	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/3/25	Henderson (AHL)	68	15	15	30	75
Lucas Van Vliet	19	6-2	175	Left	Livonia, Mich.	197th overall (2024)	Dubuque (USHL)	56	22	27	49	52
Alexander Weiermair	20	6-1	190	Right	Los Angeles, Calif.	186th overall (2025)	Portland (WHL)	41	21	25	46	14

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Trevor Connelly	19	6-0	156	Left	Tustin, Calif.	19th overall (2024)	Providence (HE)	23	4	9	13	29
Pavel Dorofeyev	24	6-1	194	Left	Nizhny Tagil, Rus.	79th overall (2019)	Vegas	82	35	17	52	30
Jackson Hallum	23	5-11	163	Left	Eagan, Minn.	91st overall (2020)	Michigan (Big Ten)	36	8	9	17	18
Cole Reinhardt	25	6-1	207	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Belleville (AHL)	45	14	18	32	40
Brandon Saad	32	6-1	215	Left	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Free Agent: signed 1/31/25	St. Louis/Vegas	72	13	17	30	6
Trent Swick	21	6-7	214	Left	St. Catharines, Ont.	180th overall (2024)	Kitchener (OHL)	60	27	34	61	48

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Braeden Bowman	22	6-1	205	Right	Kitchener, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 3/3/25	Henderson (AHL)	68	14	22	36	12
Ben Hemmerling	21	5-11	174	Right	Edmonton, Alta.	177th overall (2022)	Henderson (AHL)	17	1	1	2	2
Alexander Holtz	23	6-0	198	Right	Stockholm, Swe.	Trade: NJ 6/29/24	Vegas	53	4	8	12	10
Keegan Kolesar	28	6-2	216	Right	Brandon, Man.	Trade: Clb 6/24/17	Vegas	82	12	18	30	53
Mitch Marner	28	6-0	180	Right	Markham, Ont.	Trade: Tor 6/30/25	Toronto	81	27	75	102	14
Jonas Rondbjerg	26	6-2	204	Left	Horsholm, Den.	65th overall (2017)	Henderson (AHL)	53	11	15	26	18
Cole Schwindt	24	6-2	203	Right	Kitchener, Ont.	Waivers: Cgy 10/7/24	Vegas	42	1	7	8	0
Reilly Smith	34	6-1	185	Left	Mimico, Ont.	Trade: NYR 3/6/25	NY Rangers/Vegas	79	13	27	40	24
Mark Stone	33	6-3	210	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	Trade: Ott 2/25/19	Vegas	66	19	48	67	14
Tuomas Uronen	20	6-0	192	Right	Kerava, Fin.	192nd overall (2023)	Kingston (OHL)	63	38	52	90	29

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ALEX OVECHKIN

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BY BEN RABY

AS ALEX OVECHKIN pursued Wayne Gretzky's goal-scoring record, his teammates rose to the occasion. The Capitals went from a wild-card team in their first season under Spencer Carbery to the top seed in the East in Year 2.

An aggressive 2024 off-season saw a third of the roster turned over, which led to a 20-point improvement – the third-largest jump across the league. The season ultimately ended with a second-round loss to Carolina, but Washington's on-the-fly retool is paying dividends. The Capitals were one of the NHL's oldest teams just a few years ago but have now integrated younger pieces throughout the roster. Much of the roster returns after marginal off-season changes. The Caps are built for a post-Ovechkin transition, but is there one more run with him in the lineup?

>OFFENSE

Ovechkin garnered the headlines, but the No. 2 scoring team last season was balanced. Washington was the only team with seven 20-goal scorers and seven 50-point scorers. Aliaksei Protas emerged as a top-line fixture, breaking out for 30 goals despite limited power-play time. Protas, Dylan Strome, Tom Wilson, Connor McMichael and Jakob Chychrun all had or tied career highs in goals, assists and points. Pierre-Luc Dubois embraced his opportunity on the second line and had a career-best 66 points. Six defensemen reached the 20-point mark – a first in franchise history. However, despite the production in the regular sea-

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son, the Capitals were limited to just seven goals in their five-game series against Carolina.

>DEFENSE

The top six return on the blueline – a unit that tied for eighth in goals against per game (2.79) last season and missed just 25 games combined. The run of good health ended when Martin Fehervary tore his meniscus and was lost for the playoffs. Fehervary frequently partnered with Matt Roy as a shutdown pair. Roy and Chychrun fit in seamlessly in their first year in Washington. John Carlson logged big minutes again, while Rasmus Sandin and Trevor van Riemsdyk each played all 82 games. Declan Chisholm comes over from Minnesota as the seventh defender. Nic Dowd will be heavily leaned on as a shutdown center. Dowd led Caps forwards in D-zone starts (30.8 percent of shifts), while still collecting 27 points.

>GOALTENDING

After years of passable goaltending following Braden Holtby's departure, the Capitals finally hit on the position last season. Logan Thompson, acquired from Vegas, emerged as Washington's No. 1 with a 31-6-6 record, a 2.49 goals-against average and a .910 save percentage. Charlie Lindgren returns as a trusted backup, one who can carry the load if needed.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

Despite Washington's offensive prowess last season, the inconsistent power play tied for 13th overall. Ovechkin led the team with 14 PP goals, though the Capitals force-fed him at times. As lethal as Ovechkin's one-timer can be from his office, the Caps struggled with puck recoveries. Chychrun was effective playing opposite Ovechkin on the half-wall, with Carlson up top. Washington tied for fourth on the penalty kill. Fehervary and Dowd lead the unit, while Protas and Wilson are threats to create shorthanded.

>INTANGIBLES

Ovechkin's chase of Gretzky's record was a real motivator for the team. The buzz was palpable, and the team fed off the playoff-like atmosphere as the record neared. With the chase complete, could a potential final NHL campaign for 'The Great 8' have a similar impact?

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With Nicklas Backstrom and T.J. Oshie officially moving on and Ovechkin and Carlson entering the final year of their contracts, Washington's Cup core is dwindling. Do the remaining vets have one more run in them?

>ROOKIES

Ryan Leonard joined Washington last spring after back-to-back 30-goal seasons at Boston College. The U.S. captain and tournament MVP at last year's World Junior Championship, Leonard provides the Capitals with another power forward who can agitate and score. Left winger Andrew Cristall could get an NHL cameo if not a longer look.

>X-FACTOR

For a team that checked many boxes last year, an inconsistent third line was a season-long issue. It will be a work in progress again, with McMichael an option as the third-line center and youngsters Leonard, Ivan Miroshnichenko and Hendrix Lapierre among the options on the wing.

>THE BRASS

Carbery's ability to get the most out of his young players – while having veterans buy in – has made him the ideal coach during Washington's retool. The reigning Jack Adams Award winner brings back his entire staff. The transition from Brian MacLellan to Chris Patrick as GM has been smooth. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Alex Ovechkin	1. Dylan Strome	1. Tom Wilson
2. Anthony Beauvillier	2. Pierre-Luc Dubois	2. Aliaksei Protas
3. Ivan Miroshnichenko	3. Connor McMichael	3. Ryan Leonard
4. Brandon Duhaime	4. Nic Dowd	4. Justin Sourdif
5. Sonny Milano	5. Hendrix Lapierre	5. Ethen Frank

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. John Carlson	6. Trevor van Riemsdyk	1. Logan Thompson
2. Jakob Chychrun	7. Declan Chisholm	2. Charlie Lindgren
3. Martin Fehervary	8. Dylan McIlrath	3. Clay Stevenson
4. Matt Roy	9. Vincent Iorio	
5. Rasmus Sandin	10. Ryan Chesley	

■ INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Andrew Mangiapane, RW; Lars Eller, C; Taylor Raddysh, RW; Alexander Alexeyev, D

RYAN LEONARD

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Ryan Leonard
Pos RW **Age** 20
2024-25 Boston College (HE)
WJC MVP entered NHL lineup and elevated Caps attack. Offensive threat with thorn-in-side quality.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

2. Ivan Miroshnichenko
Pos LW **Age** 21
2024-25 Hershey (AHL)
Dynamite scorer with big-league instincts in attacking zone. Has looked good in NHL minutes, too.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

3. Lynden Lakovic
Pos LW **Age** 18
2024-25 Moose Jaw (WHL)
Warriors' leading scorer gets to hard areas offensively. The 6-foot-4 winger could use size better.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

4. Cole Hutson
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Boston Univ. (HE)
Big producer from the back end. Elite skater and great smarts. First 'D' to lead WJC in scoring.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

5. Milton Gastrin
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Modo Jr. (Swe.)
Has the skill set to become quality middle-six pivot. More guile than grit, but he competes hard.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

6. Andrew Cristall
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Spokane (WHL)
Skating is a work in progress, but there is no doubt about his playmaking talent. Great vision.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

7. Terik Parascak
Pos RW **Age** 19
2024-25 Prince George (WHL)
Put him anywhere on the ice, in any situation, and he excels. Natural leader with scoring punch.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

8. Ilya Protas
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Windsor (OHL)
Dominant OHL campaign. A handful for defenders who makes great use of his 6-foot-5 frame.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

9. Justin Sourdif
Pos RW **Age** 23
2024-25 Charlotte (AHL)
Might have cracked NHL lineup anywhere else but Florida. Due for a chance after great AHL output.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

10. Vincent Iorio
Pos D **Age** 22
2024-25 Hershey (AHL)
Gets in the trenches and throws his body in lanes. Future depth 'D' can be an asset to an NHL PK.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

FORWARDS DEFENSEMEN

100

85 Strome

80

67 Ovechkin
64 Dubois

60

56 Protas
56 McMichael

49 Wilson Carlson 49

Chychrun 42

40

31 Lapierre

27 Leonard
27 Beauvillier Sandin 26
25 Dowd Roy 25
23 Milano
22 Miroshnichenko

20

Fehervary 18
van Riemsdyk 16

15 Duhaime
13 Frank

Chisholm 8

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SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 8	vs Boston	7:30 PM
Sat, Oct 11	@ NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 12	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 14	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 17	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 19	vs Vancouver	12:30 PM
Tue, Oct 21	vs Seattle	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 24	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 25	vs Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Dallas	8:30 PM
Fri, Oct 31	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 5	vs St. Louis	7:30 PM
Thu, Nov 6	@ Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Carolina	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17	vs Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19	vs Edmonton	7:00 PM
Thu, Nov 20	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Sat, Nov 22	vs Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Mon, Nov 24	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	vs Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	vs Toronto	5:00 PM
Sun, Nov 30	@ NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Tue, Dec 2	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Wed, Dec 3	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	vs Columbus	7:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Carolina	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	@ Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Tue, Dec 16	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 18	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 20	vs Detroit	12:30 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Detroit	1:00 PM
Tue, Dec 23	vs NY Rangers	6:30 PM
Sat, Dec 27	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	@ Florida	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 31	vs NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ Ottawa	1:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	vs Chicago	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 5	vs Anaheim	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 7	vs Dallas	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 9	@ Chicago	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	@ Nashville	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	vs San Jose	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Florida	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Colorado	4:00 PM
Wed, Jan 21	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Fri, Jan 23	@ Calgary	9:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Detroit	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	vs Carolina	5:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	vs NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 3	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Feb 5	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	vs Vegas	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	@ Montreal	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Utah	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	@ Boston	12:30 PM
Mon, Mar 9	vs Calgary	7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 11	@ Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Thu, Mar 12	@ Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Boston	3:00 PM
Wed, Mar 18	vs Ottawa	7:30 PM
Fri, Mar 20	vs New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	vs Colorado	12:30 PM
Tue, Mar 24	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	@ Utah	9:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Vegas	10:30 PM
Tue, Mar 31	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 5	@ NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 8	@ Toronto	7:30 PM
Sat, Apr 11	@ Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	vs Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Columbus	7:00 PM

MEG KELLY/BOSTON COLLEGE ATHLETICS

ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Washington CAPITALS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Garin Bjorklund	23	6-2	174	Left	Grande Prairie, Alta.	179th overall (2020)	South Carolina (ECHL)	29	21-4-3	2.02	.927
Chase Clark	23	6-6	202	Right	Williamsville, N.Y.	183rd overall (2021)	American International (AHA)	25	9-14-2	2.80	.913
Antoine Keller	20	6-2	176	Left	Dijon, Fra.	206th overall (2023)	Lausanne (Sui.)	13	5-5-0	3.16	.894
Nicholas Kempf	19	6-2	189	Left	Chicago, Ill.	114th overall (2024)	Notre Dame (Big Ten)	13	2-10-1	3.74	.895
Charlie Lindgren	31	6-2	190	Right	Lakeville, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/13/22	Washington	39	20-14-3	2.73	.896
Clay Stevenson	26	6-4	195	Left	Drayton Valley, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 3/28/22	Hershey (AHL)	33	18-8-5	2.94	.888
Logan Thompson	28	6-4	207	Right	Calgary, Alta.	Trade: Veg 6/29/24	Washington	43	31-6-6	2.49	.910

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Cam Allen	20	6-0	194	Right	Toronto, Ont.	136th overall (2023)	Guelph/London (OHL)	49	11	34	45	68
Louie Belpedio	29	5-11	197	Right	Skokie, Ill.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	66	5	23	28	88
John Carlson	35	6-3	220	Right	Natick, Mass.	27th overall (2008)	Washington	79	5	46	51	22
Ryan Chesley	21	6-0	195	Right	St. Paul, Minn.	37th overall (2022)	Minnesota (Big Ten)	40	8	12	20	48
Declan Chisholm	25	6-1	190	Left	Bowmanville, Ont.	Trade: Min 6/28/25	Minnesota	66	2	10	12	10
Jakob Chychrun	27	6-2	216	Left	Boca Raton, Fla.	Trade: Ott 7/1/24	Washington	74	20	27	47	52
Aron Dahlqvist	18	6-3	205	Left	Gavle, Swe.	180th overall (2025)	Brynas Jr. (Swe.)	37	2	10	12	43
Martin Fehervary	25	6-2	203	Left	Bratislava, Svk.	46th overall (2018)	Washington	81	5	20	25	25
Tobias Geisser	26	6-5	217	Left	Stans, Sui.	120th overall (2017)	Zug (Sui.)	44	4	13	17	12
David Gucciardi	22	6-1	185	Left	Toronto, Ont.	213th overall (2022)	Michigan St. (Big Ten)	37	6	10	16	42
Cole Hutson	19	5-10	165	Left	St. Louis, Mo.	43rd overall (2024)	Boston Univ. (HE)	39	14	34	48	64
Vincent Iorio	22	6-4	200	Right	Coquitlam, B.C.	55th overall (2021)	Hershey (AHL)	67	5	15	20	27
Brent Johnson	22	5-11	161	Right	St. Louis, Mo.	80th overall (2021)	Ohio St. (Big Ten)	38	5	8	13	4
Joaquim Lemay	23	6-1	178	Left	St-Pierre-les-Becquets, Que.	119th overall (2021)	Northeastern (HE)	30	3	9	12	29
Dylan McIlrath	33	6-5	240	Right	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/28/21	Washington	17	0	2	2	28
Leon Muggli	19	6-0	165	Left	Cham, Sui.	52nd overall (2024)	Zug (Sui.)	40	5	6	11	43
Calle Rosen	31	6-1	188	Left	Vaxjo, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Colorado (AHL)	62	10	24	34	24
Matt Roy	30	6-2	211	Right	Detroit, Mich.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Washington	69	3	21	24	25
Rasmus Sandin	25	5-11	189	Left	Uppsala, Swe.	Trade: Tor 2/28/23	Washington	82	4	26	30	23
Trevor van Riemsdyk	34	6-3	197	Right	Middletown, N.J.	Free Agent: signed 10/10/20	Washington	82	1	20	21	34

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jackson Crowder	18	6-3	184	Right	Allen, Texas	155th overall (2025)	Sioux City/Chicago (USHL)	56	11	13	24	82
Nic Dowd	35	6-2	190	Right	Huntsville, Ala.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/18	Washington	82	14	13	27	56
Pierre-Luc Dubois	27	6-4	220	Left	Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Que.	Trade: LA 6/19/24	Washington	82	20	46	66	76
Ethen Frank	27	5-11	188	Right	Papillion, Neb.	Free Agent: signed 3/2/23	Hershey (AHL)	35	20	8	28	12
Milton Gastrin	18	6-1	185	Left	Ornskoldsvik, Swe.	37th overall (2025)	Modo Jr. (Swe.)	40	18	24	42	18
Ryan Hofer	23	6-3	184	Left	Headingley, Man.	181st overall (2022)	South Carolina (ECHL)	52	12	14	26	100
Brett Hyland	22	6-0	170	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	200th overall (2023)	Alberta (USports)	21	13	20	33	43
Hendrix Lapierre	23	6-0	180	Left	Gatineau, Que.	22nd overall (2020)	Hershey (AHL)	32	7	25	32	16
Connor McMichael	24	6-0	180	Left	Ajax, Ont.	25th overall (2019)	Washington	82	26	31	57	49
Miroslav Satan	19	6-7	190	Left	East Amherst, N.Y.	212th overall (2024)	Sioux Falls/Omaha (USHL)	45	3	1	4	6
Petr Sikora	19	5-11	172	Left	Karvina, Cze.	178th overall (2024)	Trinec (Cze.)	34	7	8	15	61
Dylan Strome	28	6-3	196	Left	Mississauga, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/14/22	Washington	82	29	53	82	34
Patrick Thomas	21	6-0	172	Left	Oakville, Ont.	104th overall (2023)	Brantford (OHL)	66	27	77	104	10

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Anthony Beauvillier	28	5-11	180	Left	Sorel-Tracy, Que.	Trade: Pit 3/7/25	Pittsburgh/Washington	81	15	10	25	14
Andrew Cristall	20	5-10	167	Left	Vancouver, B.C.	40th overall (2023)	Kelowna/Spokane (WHL)	57	48	84	132	34
Lynden Lakovic	18	6-4	190	Left	Kelowna, B.C.	27th overall (2025)	Moose Jaw (WHL)	47	27	31	58	4
Eriks Mateiko	19	6-5	208	Left	Jelgava, Lat.	90th overall (2024)	Saint John/Rimouski (QMJHL)	47	26	15	41	20
Sonny Milano	29	6-0	194	Left	Massapequa, N.Y.	Free Agent: signed 10/15/22	Washington	3	0	0	0	0
Ivan Miroshnichenko	21	6-1	185	Right	Ussuriysk, Rus.	20th overall (2022)	Hershey (AHL)	53	23	19	42	28
Alex Ovechkin	40	6-3	238	Right	Moscow, Rus.	1st overall (2004)	Washington	65	44	29	73	14
Ludwig Persson	21	6-0	185	Left	Gothenburg, Swe.	85th overall (2022)	Jukurit (Fin.)	52	4	12	16	29
Ilya Protas	19	6-5	198	Left	Vitebsk, Blr.	75th overall (2024)	Windsor (OHL)	61	50	74	124	34
Maxim Schafer	18	6-3	182	Left	Nuremberg, Ger.	96th overall (2025)	Berlin (Ger.)	31	1	2	3	6
Alexander Suzdalev	21	6-2	172	Left	Khabarovsk, Rus.	70th overall (2022)	Saskatoon (WHL)	50	15	24	39	8

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Graeme Clarke	24	6-0	175	Right	Waconia, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Iowa (AHL)	64	16	21	37	36
Brandon Duhaime	28	6-2	200	Left	Coral Springs, Fla.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Washington	82	9	12	21	98
Zac Funk	22	6-0	210	Left	Coldstream, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/24	Hershey (AHL)	15	2	2	4	14
Ryan Leonard	20	6-0	192	Right	Northhampton, Mass.	8th overall (2023)	Boston College (HE)	37	30	19	49	46
Terik Parascak	19	6-0	173	Right	Lethbridge, Alta.	17th overall (2024)	Prince George (WHL)	59	28	54	82	47
Aliaksei Protas	24	6-6	247	Left	Vitebsk, Blr.	91st overall (2019)	Washington	76	30	36	66	18
Sheldon Rempal	30	5-11	173	Right	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/7/25	Ufa (KHL)	68	31	30	61	12
Henrik Rybinski	24	6-1	172	Right	Vancouver, B.C.	Free Agent: signed 3/1/22	Hershey (AHL)	60	10	25	35	22
Spencer Smallman	29	6-1	198	Right	Summerside, P.E.I.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Hershey (AHL)	62	10	24	34	44
Justin Sourdif	23	5-11	181	Right	Richmond, B.C.	Trade: Fla 6/26/25	Charlotte (AHL)	43	16	18	34	58
Bogdan Trineyev	23	6-3	198	Right	Voronezh, Rus.	117th overall (2020)	Hershey (AHL)	62	14	8	22	23
Tom Wilson	31	6-4	225	Right	Toronto, Ont.	16th overall (2012)	Washington	81	33	32	65	100

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2024-25 NUMBERS

RECORD
56-22-4 (.707)

OVERTIME
11-3

SHOOTOUT
2-1

OVERALL
1st

OFFENSE
3.35 GPG (4th)

DEFENSE
2.32 GAA (1st)

POWER PLAY
28.9% (1st)

PENALTY KILL
79.4% (13th)

EXPECTED GF/60
2.56 (13th)

EXPECTED GA/60
2.33 (7th)

ICE TIME LEAD (F)
M. Scheifele (20:26)

ICE TIME LEAD (D)
J. Morrissey (24:23)

Fast FACTS

COACH
Scott Arniel

GM
Kevin Cheveldayoff

CAPTAIN
Adam Lowry

ARENA
Canada Life Centre

CAPACITY
15,225

AHL AFFILIATE
Manitoba Moose

ECHL AFFILIATE
Norfolk Admirals

BY JARED CLINTON

NOT ENOUGH CAN BE said about the importance of Cole Perfetti's unforgettable Game 7 goal. If the Jets had flamed out in seven games to the St. Louis Blues, Winnipeg would have been seen as the latest in a long line of Presidents' Trophy choke artists, and Connor Hellebuyck's chaotic playoff performance would still be under the microscope.

Instead, Perfetti's last-gasp tally – which allowed Adam Lowry to later net the overtime-winner – sees the Jets enter the campaign with a level of optimism. That Hellebuyck bounced back in the second round no doubt lifts the mood, too, as does the fact Winnipeg was one goal away from taking the Dallas Stars to a winner-takes-all affair. But the headline entering the campaign is Jonathan Toews' NHL return with his hometown Jets. Toews brings championship pedigree to a team still learning what it takes to find that next gear in the post-season.

>OFFENSE

As ever, the onus is on Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor to carry the attack. The top-line duo combined for 80 goals last season and rank a respective 25th and 13th in goal output the past four seasons. Despite lacking name value, the Jets had among the deepest attacks, tying for tops in the NHL with eight forwards with 15-or-more goals. The wild card, of course, is Toews. He scored at a 23-goal pace during his most recent campaign, but that was 2022-23. How will the ravages of time impact his effectiveness? The

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Jets would be thrilled if the 37-year-old is a half-point-per-game contributor. That's especially true given they will need Lowry's production replaced. The captain is expected to be sidelined through October, if not longer.

>DEFENSE

Winnipeg thrived last season defending as a five-man unit, finishing as a top-10 outfit when it came to limiting scoring and high-danger chances against at 5-on-5. The commitment to team defense is especially important given the back end doesn't have an all-star caliber defender outside of Josh Morrissey. But could Dylan Samberg elevate further and solidify the back end? In his third full NHL season, Samberg cemented himself as a top-four rearguard and logged tough minutes. There were 62 defensive pairings to play at least 500 minutes together at 5-on-5 last season, and Samberg alongside partner Neal Pionk ranked fifth, with a 57.3 expected goals percentage.

>GOALTENDING

Does the Game 7 victory and second-round performance erase all doubt about Hellebuyck? Maybe not. But there is no goaltender who has proven himself to be better or more consistent than Hellebuyck across an 82-game season. His partnership with Eric Comrie – who was long a favorite of Jets' brass before his breakthrough – has proven especially fruitful, too. Between Hellebuyck and Comrie, the crease is the Jets' greatest strength.

>SPECIAL TEAMS

To note the middling penalty kill was an improvement over the campaign prior is to damn it with faint praise, and it was hardly surprising that Winnipeg's performance shorthanded played a role in its playoff demise. That the power play began firing blanks in the post-season, however, was unexpected. The PP led the league during the season and accounted for nearly 23 percent of their total offense. Being able to trot out the same unit – while adding Toews to the mix – should see that trend continue.

>INTANGIBLES

Perfetti's now-iconic goal was the continuation of a trend throughout the 2024-25 campaign, as Winnipeg scored 10 goals last season with the extra attacker and five goals in the final 90 seconds to either tie or win contests. It's impossible to teach the never-say-die attitude that permeates through the dressing room.

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>ROOKIES

Brad Lambert and Nikita Chibrikov suffered through offensive regressions in the AHL, but the growth of their all-around games is of greatest importance to the Jets. Expect one or both to fight for bottom- or perhaps even middle-six minutes. Keep an eye, too, on Elias Salomonsson. The smooth-skating 'D' will force Winnipeg into a tough roster decision if he performs well in the pre-season.

>X-FACTOR

Toews' performance can have great bearing on their fate, but what defines the Jets' ability to again fight for top spot in the Western Conference may be how Perfetti builds on an excellent playoff. He was one of the Jets' best performers in the post-season. If that continues, it's a boon to the entire lineup.

>THE BRASS

Winnipeg's continued presence as one of the NHL's least-desirable destinations makes GM Kevin Cheveldayoff's work all the more difficult. Despite the perception of the city, though, Cheveldayoff has done well to persuade players to stick around long term after they've arrived. H

DEPTH CHART | 2025-26

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
1. Kyle Connor	1. Mark Scheifele	1. Gabriel Vilardi
2. Cole Perfetti	2. Adam Lowry	2. Gustav Nyquist
3. Nino Niederreiter	3. Jonathan Toews	3. Alex Iafallo
4. Morgan Barron	4. Vladislav Namestnikov	4. Cole Koepke
5. Tanner Pearson	5. David Gustafsson	5. Jaret Anderson-Dolan

DEFENSE		GOALIE
1. Josh Morrissey	6. Logan Stanley	1. Connor Hellebuyck
2. Neal Pionk	7. Haydn Fleury	2. Eric Comrie
3. Dylan Samberg	8. Colin Miller	3. Dominic DiVincentiis
4. Dylan DeMelo	9. Ville Heinola	INJURED
5. Luke Schenn	10. Elias Salomonsson	INDICATES NEW ARRIVAL

KEY DEPARTURES & UNSIGNED UFAs Nikolaj Ehlers, LW; Mason Appleton, RW; Brandon Tanev, LW; Rasmus Kupari, C; Dominic Toninato, C

BRAYDEN YAGER

Future WATCH

TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Brayden Yager
Pos C **Age** 20
2024-25 Lethbridge (WHL)
Goal-scorer's ability to find open ice, settle in and unload a heavy shot. Captained Canada at WJC.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

2. Sascha Boumedienne
Pos D **Age** 18
2024-25 Boston Univ. (HE)
At his best when playing in transition. Concern comes, though, when he's pinned in his own zone.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

3. Brad Lambert
Pos C **Age** 21
2024-25 Manitoba (AHL)
No worries about sputtering offense in AHL last season. Rounding out his game is a big positive.
Expected NHL Arrival '25-26

4. Nikita Chibrikov
Pos RW **Age** 22
2024-25 Manitoba (AHL)
A pest on the forecheck and has boundless energy. Projects as checking-line winger with upside.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

5. Colby Barlow
Pos LW **Age** 20
2024-25 Oshawa (OHL)
Big-league shot stands out, and fiery competitor never takes a shift off. Skating is biggest hurdle.
Expected NHL Arrival '26-27

6. Elias Salomonsson
Pos D **Age** 21
2024-25 Manitoba (AHL)
Graceful skater can turn defense into offense in a heartbeat. His shot is an underrated asset.
Expected NHL Arrival '27-28

7. Alfons Freij
Pos D **Age** 19
2024-25 Bjorkloven (Swe.2)
Strong first pass and joins the rush with ease. Playing in Sweden's top tier will aid development.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

8. Owen Martin
Pos C **Age** 18
2024-25 Spokane (WHL)
Positionally sound pivot relies on will over skill. Projects as bottom-six contributor long term.
Expected NHL Arrival '30-31

9. Kevin He
Pos LW **Age** 19
2024-25 Niagara (OHL)
Never quits on a play. Will be first in on forecheck and battle in corners. Does small things well.
Expected NHL Arrival '28-29

10. Kieron Walton
Pos C **Age** 19
2024-25 Sudbury (OHL)
At 6-foot-6, he blends massive frame with playmaker's skill. Has to build on great OHL campaign.
Expected NHL Arrival '29-30

POINTS-O-METER

2025-26 PROJECTIONS

	FORWARDS	DEFENSEMEN
100		
80	81 Connor 80 Scheifele	
		67 Vilardi
		Morrissey 67
	64 Perfetti	
60		
40	40 Toews 38 Namestnikov	
	37 Nyquist	Pionk 37
	36 Niederreiter	
	30 Iafallo	
	26 Koepke 25 Pearson	
	24 Lowry	Samberg 23 DeMelo 23
20	20 Barron	
		Miller 14
		Stanley 9
		Schenn 6
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SCHEDULE

Thu, Oct 9	vs Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Oct 11	vs Los Angeles	1:30 PM
Mon, Oct 13	@ NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Thu, Oct 16	@ Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 18	vs Nashville	7:00 PM
Mon, Oct 20	@ Calgary	9:30 PM
Thu, Oct 23	vs Seattle	8:00 PM
Fri, Oct 24	vs Calgary	8:00 PM
Sun, Oct 26	vs Utah	6:00 PM
Tue, Oct 28	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Thu, Oct 30	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 1	vs Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tue, Nov 4	@ Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Fri, Nov 7	@ San Jose	10:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 11	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Thu, Nov 13	@ Seattle	10:00 PM
Sat, Nov 15	@ Calgary	10:00 PM
Tue, Nov 18	vs Columbus	8:00 PM
Fri, Nov 21	vs Carolina	8:00 PM
Sun, Nov 23	vs Minnesota	4:00 PM
Wed, Nov 26	@ Washington	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 28	@ Carolina	5:00 PM
Sat, Nov 29	@ Nashville	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 1	@ Buffalo	7:30 PM
Wed, Dec 3	@ Montreal	7:30 PM
Fri, Dec 5	vs Buffalo	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 6	@ Edmonton	10:00 PM
Tue, Dec 9	vs Dallas	8:00 PM
Thu, Dec 11	vs Boston	8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 13	vs Washington	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 15	vs Ottawa	7:30 PM
Wed, Dec 17	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Fri, Dec 19	@ Colorado	9:00 PM
Sun, Dec 21	@ Utah	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec 27	vs Minnesota	7:00 PM
Mon, Dec 29	vs Edmonton	7:30 PM
Wed, Dec 31	@ Detroit	6:30 PM
Thu, Jan 1	@ Toronto	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 3	@ Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 6	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 8	vs Edmonton	8:00 PM
Fri, Jan 9	vs Los Angeles	8:00 PM
Sun, Jan 11	vs New Jersey	2:00 PM
Tue, Jan 13	vs NY Islanders	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 15	@ Minnesota	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 17	vs Toronto	7:00 PM
Mon, Jan 19	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Tue, Jan 20	vs St. Louis	8:00 PM
Thu, Jan 22	vs Florida	8:00 PM
Sat, Jan 24	vs Detroit	7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 27	@ New Jersey	7:00 PM
Thu, Jan 29	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 31	@ Florida	4:00 PM
Mon, Feb 2	@ Dallas	8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 4	vs Montreal	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 25	@ Vancouver	10:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	@ Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sun, Mar 1	@ San Jose	4:00 PM
Tue, Mar 3	vs Chicago	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 5	vs Tampa Bay	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 7	vs Vancouver	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 10	vs Anaheim	8:30 PM
Thu, Mar 12	vs NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 14	vs Colorado	4:00 PM
Sun, Mar 15	vs St. Louis	3:00 PM
Tue, Mar 17	vs Nashville	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 19	@ Boston	7:00 PM
Sat, Mar 21	@ Pittsburgh	1:00 PM
Sun, Mar 22	@ NY Rangers	12:00 PM
Tue, Mar 24	vs Vegas	8:00 PM
Thu, Mar 26	vs Colorado	8:00 PM
Sat, Mar 28	@ Colorado	7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 31	@ Chicago	8:30 PM
Thu, Apr 2	@ Dallas	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 4	@ Columbus	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 6	vs Seattle	7:30 PM
Thu, Apr 9	@ St. Louis	8:00 PM
Sat, Apr 11	vs Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Mon, Apr 13	@ Vegas	10:00 PM
Tue, Apr 14	@ Utah	9:00 PM
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ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

Winnipeg JETS

GOALIES	AGE	HT.	WT.	CATCHES	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SP
Eric Comrie	30	6-1	190	Left	Edmonton, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/24	Winnipeg	20	9-10-1	2.39	.914
Domenic DiVincentiis	21	6-2	191	Left	Toronto, Ont.	207th overall (2022)	Manitoba (AHL)	28	13-12-3	2.84	.906
Connor Hellebuyck	32	6-4	207	Left	Commerce, Mich.	130th overall (2012)	Winnipeg	63	47-12-3	2.01	.925
Thomas Milic	22	6-0	175	Left	New Westminster, B.C.	151st overall (2023)	Manitoba (AHL)	21	5-12-4	3.44	.877
Isaac Poulter	24	6-2	174	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Utica (AHL)	36	16-13-7	2.86	.898

DEFENSEMEN	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Tyrel Bauer	23	6-3	207	Right	Calgary, Alta.	164th overall (2020)	Manitoba (AHL)	59	0	2	2	105
Sascha Boumedienne	18	6-1	175	Left	Oulu, Fin.	28th overall (2025)	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	3	10	13	33
Garrett Brown	21	6-2	178	Right	Buffalo, N.Y.	99th overall (2022)	Denver (NCHC)	42	2	6	8	33
Kale Clague	27	6-0	190	Left	Regina, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Rochester (AHL)	69	10	29	39	32
Dylan DeMelo	32	6-1	194	Right	London, Ont.	Trade: Ott 2/18/20	Winnipeg	82	3	16	19	38
Edison Engle	18	6-2	175	Left	Arlington Heights, Ill.	188th overall (2025)	Des Moines/Dubuque (USHL)	54	2	15	17	20
Haydn Fleury	29	6-4	207	Left	Carlyle, Sask.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/24	Winnipeg	39	0	7	7	6
Alfons Freij	19	6-1	187	Left	Solvesborg, Swe.	37th overall (2024)	Bjorkloven (Swe.2)	29	2	6	8	12
Ville Heinola	24	6-0	181	Left	Honkajoki, Fin.	20th overall (2019)	Winnipeg	18	0	1	1	4
Colin Miller	32	6-1	200	Right	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	Trade: NJ 3/8/24	Winnipeg	60	4	11	15	38
Josh Morrissey	30	6-0	195	Left	Calgary, Alta.	13th overall (2013)	Winnipeg	80	14	48	62	22
Isaak Phillips	24	6-3	205	Left	Barrie, Ont.	Trade: Chi 1/15/25	Rockford/Manitoba (AHL)	67	4	12	16	74
Neal Pionk	30	6-0	190	Right	Omaha, Neb.	Trade: NYR 6/17/19	Winnipeg	69	10	29	39	44
Elias Salomonsson	21	6-0	172	Right	Skelleftea, Swe.	55th overall (2022)	Skelleftea (Swe.)	31	2	9	11	58
Dylan Samberg	26	6-4	216	Left	Saginaw, Minn.	43rd overall (2017)	Winnipeg	60	6	14	20	26
Luke Schenn	35	6-2	225	Right	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: Pit 3/7/25	Nashville/Pittsburgh/Winnipeg	76	1	6	7	45
Logan Stanley	27	6-7	231	Left	Waterloo, Ont.	18th overall (2016)	Winnipeg	63	1	13	14	78

CENTERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jaret Anderson-Dolan	26	5-11	200	Left	Calgary, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/24	Manitoba (AHL)	51	7	12	19	30
Morgan Barron	26	6-4	220	Left	Halifax, N.S.	Trade: NYR 3/21/22	Winnipeg	74	8	7	15	16
Harrison Blaisdell	24	5-11	181	Left	Sheffield, Gbr.	134th overall (2019)	Allen (ECHL)	50	4	6	10	20
Parker Ford	25	5-9	181	Right	Wakefield, R.I.	Free Agent: signed 3/25/23	Manitoba (AHL)	41	14	7	21	36
David Gustafsson	25	6-2	196	Left	Tingsryd, Swe.	60th overall (2018)	Winnipeg	36	2	4	6	7
Jacob Julien	21	6-4	181	Left	London, Ont.	146th overall (2023)	London (OHL)	65	11	43	54	54
Rasmus Kupari	25	6-2	201	Right	Kotka, Fin.	Trade: LA 6/27/23	Winnipeg	59	5	3	8	16
Brad Lambert	21	6-1	173	Right	Lahti, Fin.	30th overall (2022)	Manitoba (AHL)	61	7	28	35	28
Markus Loponen	19	6-1	186	Left	Oulu, Fin.	155th overall (2024)	Victoria (WHL)	65	19	25	44	26
Adam Lowry	32	6-5	210	Left	St. Louis, Mo.	67th overall (2011)	Winnipeg	73	16	18	34	28
Owen Martin	18	6-0	185	Right	Oakbank, Man.	92nd overall (2025)	Spokane (WHL)	39	13	21	34	20
Vladislav Namestnikov	32	6-0	181	Left	Zhukovskiy, Rus.	Trade: SJ 3/3/23	Winnipeg	78	11	27	38	38
Gustav Nyquist	36	5-11	180	Left	Halmstad, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Nashville/Minnesota	79	11	17	28	16
Cole Perfetti	23	5-11	185	Left	Whitby, Ont.	10th overall (2020)	Winnipeg	82	18	32	50	20
Mark Scheifele	32	6-3	207	Right	Kitchener, Ont.	7th overall (2011)	Winnipeg	82	39	48	87	61
Mason Shaw	26	5-10	184	Left	Lloydminster, Alta.	Free Agent: signed 7/3/24	Manitoba (AHL)	72	17	20	37	114
Jonathan Toews	37	6-2	201	Left	Winnipeg, Man.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	No Team			DNP		
Gabriel Vilardi	26	6-3	216	Right	Kingston, Ont.	Trade: LA 6/27/23	Winnipeg	71	27	34	61	14
Fabian Wagner	21	5-10	170	Left	Nykoping, Swe.	175th overall (2022)	Manitoba (AHL)	50	8	5	13	15
Kieron Walton	19	6-6	211	Left	Toronto, Ont.	187th overall (2024)	Sudbury (OHL)	66	38	54	92	43
Brayden Yager	20	5-11	166	Right	Saskatoon, Sask.	Trade: Pit 8/22/24	Moose Jaw/Lethbridge (WHL)	54	25	57	82	22
Danil Zhilkin	21	6-1	192	Left	Moscow, Rus.	77th overall (2022)	Manitoba (AHL)	53	3	7	10	14

LEFT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Colby Barlow	20	6-0	190	Left	Orillia, Ont.	18th overall (2023)	Oshawa (OHL)	62	32	29	61	45
Kyle Connor	28	6-1	183	Left	Shelby Township, Mich.	17th overall (2015)	Winnipeg	82	41	56	97	25
Phillip Di Giuseppe	31	6-0	193	Left	Toronto, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Abbotsford (AHL)	22	4	5	9	10
Samuel Fagemo	25	6-0	200	Right	Gothenburg, Swe.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Ontario (AHL)	67	29	17	46	32
Kevin He	19	5-11	182	Left	Beijing, Chn.	109th overall (2024)	Niagara (OHL)	62	36	39	75	34
Alex Iafallo	31	6-0	201	Left	Eden, N.Y.	Trade: LA 6/27/23	Winnipeg	82	15	16	31	15
Cole Koepke	27	6-1	207	Left	Two Harbors, Minn.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Boston	73	10	7	17	17
Tanner Pearson	32	6-1	207	Left	Kitchener, Ont.	Free Agent: signed 7/1/25	Vegas	78	12	15	27	8
Kristian Vesalainen	26	6-3	207	Left	Helsinki, Fin.	24th overall (2017)	HIFK (Fin.)	40	17	19	36	12

RIGHT WINGERS	AGE	HT.	WT.	SHOOTS	BORN	ACQUIRED	2024-25	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Nikita Chibrikov	22	5-10	170	Left	Moscow, Rus.	50th overall (2021)	Manitoba (AHL)	30	7	11	18	10
Jacob Cloutier	18	5-10	171	Right	Ottawa, Ont.	220th overall (2025)	Saginaw (OHL)	67	23	24	47	41
Walker Duehr	27	6-2	210	Right	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Free Agent: signed 7/2/25	Calgary/San Jose (AHL)	36	16	12	28	14
Viktor Klingsell	18	5-10	188	Left	Jarfalla, Swe.	156th overall (2025)	Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)	43	17	22	39	6
Connor Levis	20	6-1	187	Right	Vancouver, B.C.	210th overall (2023)	Vancouver (WHL)	64	23	33	56	6
Zach Nehring	20	6-3	179	Right	Minot, N.D.	82nd overall (2023)	Western Michigan (NCHC)	42	13	17	30	29
Nino Niederreiter	33	6-2	218	Left	Chur, Sui.	Trade: Nsh 2/25/23	Winnipeg	82	17	20	37	24
Dmitri Rashevsky	24	6-1	165	Left	St. Petersburg, Rus.	146th overall (2021)	Dynamo Moscow (KHL)	65	19	21	40	18

FOUND MONEY

These players are flying under the fantasy radar for the time being but could pay off massively if the circumstances are right

BY MURRAY TOWNSEND

OLDTIMERS WILL remember the term 'Bonus Babies' was once used to describe young baseball players who received huge signing bonuses for their first pro contracts. Eventually, you'd have had to call everybody a bonus baby, so the term went out of fashion, just like Cooperalls.

We're reinventing the term and bringing it back. Because we have the power to do that. Cooperalls? Not so much.

Our definition, however, has nothing to do with money. Our bonus babies are players who can provide fantasy managers an unexpected, well, bonus. Not that they *will* do so, just that they *could*. These are players who, if certain circumstances change or otherwise fall into place, could score much more than currently anticipated and who, therefore, deserve more than the regular consideration in your fantasy drafts.

Maybe a trade or injury elevates them unexpectedly up the depth chart. Maybe the recently fired coach didn't like them for some reason. Maybe it's a free-agency year and they know they've got to improve their stats. Maybe they're starting fresh with a new team. The possibilities are endless.

Of course, we're keeping it within the realms of reality. We're not going to consider a player way down the Oilers' depth chart a bonus baby just because GM Stan Bowman *could* trade Leon Draisaitl, Evan Bouchard and Connor McDavid and open up a bunch of power-play time in Edmonton.

Speaking of McDavid, it was once the case that you could find your bonus babies simply by seeing who was playing on a line with a superstar. Wayne Gretzky did it for Dave Semenko and Mike Krushelnyski. It hasn't quite worked out the same way with McDavid and Draisaitl's linemates – save for Zach Hyman – and even that was only really the case for one year. Times change.

To that end, here are some potential bonus babies for the 2025-26 fantasy season.

OLEN ZELLWEGER - ANA

Though undersized, especially for a blueliner, Zellweger has a ton of offensive ability. With new coach Joel Quenneville on board, there will be changes to what was the NHL's worst power play in 2024-25. That could leave Zellweger – not Jackson LaCombe – as the top-unit PP defenseman. Zellweger had just 20 points in his first full season last year, but that's just a start. There's plenty more to come.

TREVOR ZEGRAS – PHI

Zegras floundered in Anaheim the past two seasons, partly due to injuries, but his situation changes completely with the trade to Philadelphia. He should immediately play on the top line and first power-play unit, which should give him the chance to get his burgeoning career back on track.

SERGEI BELSKI-IMAGN IMAGES

Hofer is 25 with excellent credentials and stuck behind Binnington. One trade would make him a starter.

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IVAN BARBASHEV – VEG

Barbashev could be the bonus baby of the year. He's coming off a 51-point campaign – not bad for a secondary scorer. The thing is, 48 of those points were at even strength. What if he earns more power-play time this year? It's not out of the realm of possibilities. After all, he has gotten some power-play time in the past, but he just hasn't been used as a top-unit PP guy in Vegas yet. As an added bonus, he could well find himself playing 5-on-5 minutes with Mitch Marner, whose very job is to help other players score. That all bodes very well.

FILIP HRONEK – VAN

Hronek is a talented offensive defenseman who just so happens to be stuck playing behind one of the NHL's elite offensive blueliners in Quinn Hughes. A trade would be a massive boon to Hronek's production.

JOEL HOFER – STL

Among NHL backups from last season, Hofer is the most qualified to be a No. 1 goalie. To get there, Hofer would need a trade. Whether that trade saw Hofer shipped out from St. Louis or the Blues' current No. 1, Jordan Binnington, being the one to go is immaterial. Either way, Hofer would be getting more ice.

JACK QUINN & ZACH BENSON – BUF

It will be either a Jack attack or a Zach attack in Buffalo. The Sabres need someone to fill the hole created in the lineup by the JJ Peterka trade. The right winger gave the Sabres 68 points last season, and Quinn and Benson are the players most likely to step up and fill the void.

NICK LARDIS – CHI

Look, Lardis is not even expected to play in the NHL this year, but he scored 71 freakin' goals last year with the OHL's Brantford Bulldogs. And then he scored 11 more in seven playoff games. What if the 2023 third-round pick makes the team right out of training camp? Then we have ourselves a bonus baby.

NICK ROBERTSON – TOR

He's never hit his stride with the Maple Leafs, and he believes a change of scenery would do it for him. Maybe he's right. The potential is there.

JET GREAVES – CLB

Greaves is a veteran of this realm, albeit not at the NHL level. After playing with the Cambridge Hawks U-16 AAA team, he hoped to jump to the OHL. But he had to play a year of Jr. B before earning an OHL deal with the Barrie Colts, who'd drafted him the previous April. After each of his two years with the Colts, Greaves hoped to be taken in the NHL draft, but he was passed up in both instances. Eventually, Greaves earned an NHL contract after a strong 2021-22 split between the ECHL and AHL. And after a great 2024-25 season with AHL Cleveland, he was called up by the Blue Jackets and carried them down the stretch, almost helping them to the playoffs. Now, he's in a position to play his first full NHL season – and defy expectations again.

ZEEV BUIUM – MIN

Could he be the next Lane Hutson? Buium signed with Minnesota after a great couple of seasons with the University of Denver. He didn't get into a regular-season contest with the Wild but got in four playoff games. Hutson had 49 points at Boston University before signing with Montreal, playing a few games and then exploding this past season. Buium had 48 points at the University of Denver. Similar situations.

RYAN LEONARD – WSH

After wrapping up his season with Boston College, the 2023 draft's eighth-overall pick struggled to produce with the Capitals. Leonard notched one goal and one assist in 17 combined regular-season and playoff games. Not exactly encouraging for fantasy players. But, make no mistake, he's a scorer, and he's going to score in the NHL. This year, he could play on the first, second, third or fourth line in Washington – or on the first line for AHL Hershey. He's a wild card.

MATEJ BLUMEL – BOS

Three years in the Dallas Stars organization provided him with just 13 NHL games, but his situation has changed. After leading the AHL in goals last season with 39, he signed as a free agent with Boston. He's not pencilled into the Bruins' starting lineup or even at the top of the injury-replacement list, but maybe, just maybe, he gets a chance at some point and makes good with the Bruins.

JOHN GIBSON – DET

His situation changed during the summer. After slipping into mediocrity and then a backup role in Anaheim, the former elite No. 1 goalie got a reset after a trade to Detroit. At 32, Gibson is still young for a goalie, and he can revitalize his career.

JESPERI KOTKANIEMI – CAR

Do you believe in miracles? If so, there's hope.

BOWEN BYRAM – BUF

There were constant trade rumors surrounding Byram prior to him signing with the Sabres, but it was just a two-year deal, so maybe he still gets moved. Players who leave Buffalo have gone on to considerable success elsewhere. Sam Reinhart is an obvious recent example, but there's also Jack Eichel, Brandon Montour and Ryan O'Reilly among others.

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

20 QUESTIONS

Members of The Hockey News' editorial team answer 20 key questions for the '25-26 season

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		RYAN KENNEDY	EDWARD FRASER
1	How many points for Nikita Kucherov in 2025-26?	120	99
2	How many points for Nathan MacKinnon in 2025-26?	118	119
3	How many goals for Leon Draisaitl in 2025-26?	50	55
4	Who scores more goals in 2025-26: Leon Draisaitl, William Nylander or David Pastrnak?	Leon Draisaitl	Leon Draisaitl
5	Who puts up more points in 2025-26: Nikita Kucherov, Nathan MacKinnon or Connor McDavid?	Connor McDavid	Connor McDavid
6	Which defenseman puts up more points in 2025-26: Quinn Hughes, Cale Makar or Zach Werenski?	Cale Makar	Cale Makar
7	Which defenseman puts up more points in 2025-26: Rasmus Dahlin, Evan Bouchard or Victor Hedman?	Rasmus Dahlin	Evan Bouchard
8	Which rookie will lead NHL freshmen in points?	Ivan Demidov	Ivan Demidov
9	Who gets more points in 2025-26: Connor Bedard or Macklin Celebrini?	Macklin Celebrini	Connor Bedard
10	Who's your bust pick?	Alex Ovechkin	Matt Duchene
11	Who's your sleeper pick?	Anton Lundell	Jonathan Drouin
12	Which goalie will win the Vezina Trophy in 2025-26?	Connor Hellebuyck	Connor Hellebuyck
13	Which goalie gets more shutouts in 2025-26: Andrei Vasilevskiy, Connor Hellebuyck or Igor Shesterkin?	Igor Shesterkin	Andrei Vasilevskiy
14	Which NHL team wins the Presidents' Trophy in 2025-26?	Vegas	Dallas
15	Who is the first coach fired in 2025-26?	Jim Hiller	Jared Bednar
16	Who are your top three teams in 2025-26?	Vegas, Winnipeg, Carolina	Dallas, Vegas, Florida
17	Who are your bottom three teams in 2025-26?	Philadelphia, Chicago, San Jose	San Jose, Chicago, Seattle
18	Which 2024-25 post-season team is most likely to miss the playoffs in 2025-26?	Montreal	Minnesota
19	Who beats whom in the 2026 Stanley Cup final?	Los Angeles beats Florida	Florida beats Vegas
20	Who's the next team to win the Stanley Cup for the first time?	Vancouver	Utah

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William Nylander	Leon Draisaitl	David Pastrnak	Leon Draisaitl
Connor McDavid	Connor McDavid	Connor McDavid	Connor McDavid
Cale Makar	Cale Makar	Cale Makar	Cale Makar
Evan Bouchard	Evan Bouchard	Evan Bouchard	Evan Bouchard
Ivan Demidov	Danila Yurov	Ivan Demidov	Ivan Demidov
Macklin Celebrini	Connor Bedard	Macklin Celebrini	Connor Bedard
David Pastrnak	Morgan Geekie	Aliaksei Protas	Mikael Granlund
Matthew Knies	Trevor Zegras	Connor Zary	Matias Maccelli
Igor Shesterkin	Dustin Wolf	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Connor Hellebuyck
Connor Hellebuyck	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Connor Hellebuyck	Connor Hellebuyck
Vegas	Dallas	Carolina	Dallas
Jim Hiller	Jim Hiller	Lindy Ruff	Lindy Ruff
Vegas, Carolina, Florida	Dallas, Carolina, Vegas	Carolina, Florida, Vegas	Dallas, Carolina, Vegas
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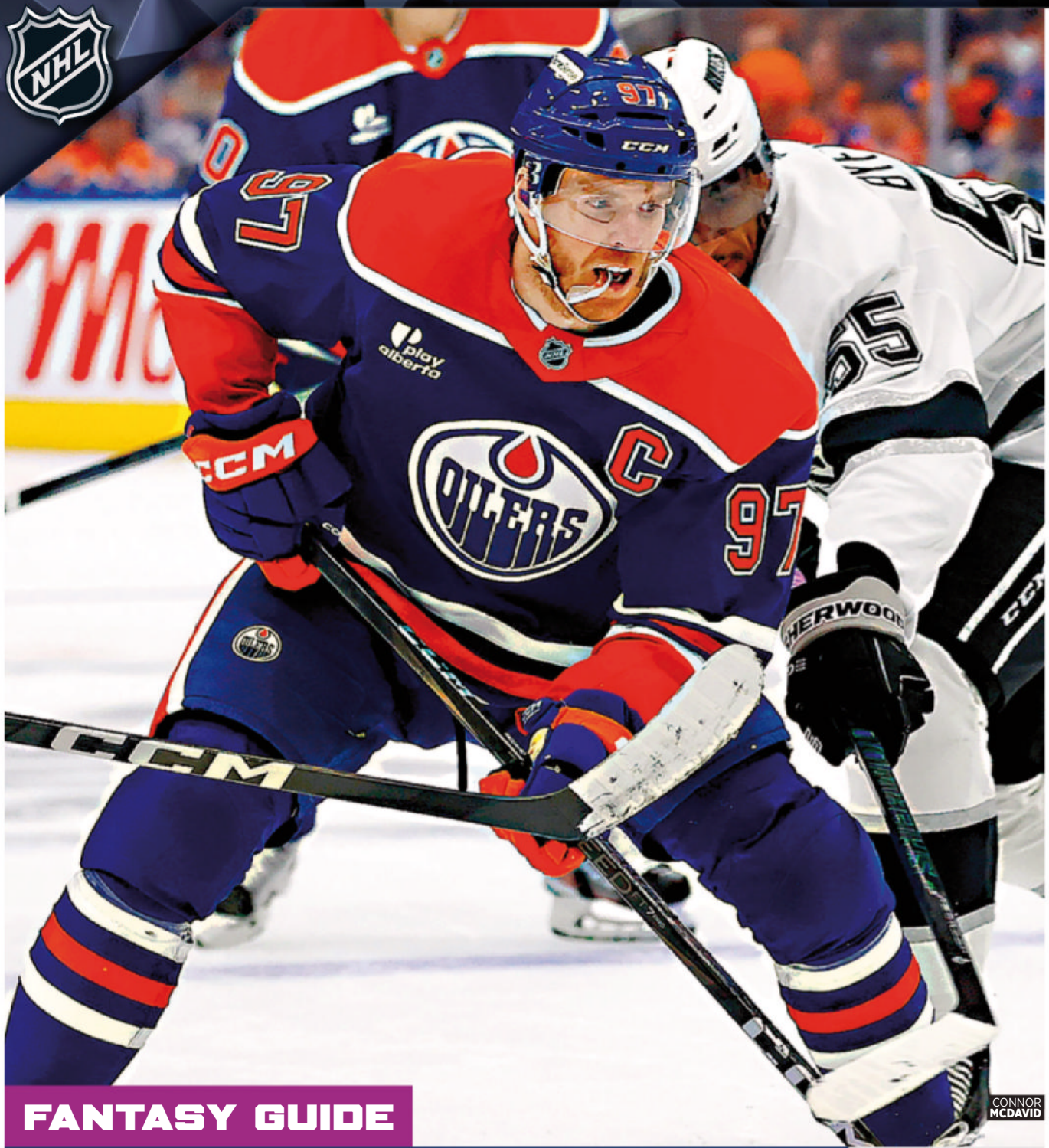

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NIKITA KUCHEROV WON the past two scoring races, but The Hockey News fantasy-pool guru Murray Townsend has Connor McDavid winning the Art Ross this season. Here are 300 key players to watch. Thresholds are 37 points for forwards, 29 for defensemen. The checklist section starts on pg. 210.

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85
GP 78 G 35 A 50

SEBASTIAN **AHO**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $9,750,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
79-29-45-74-46

Averages 34 goals per 82 games, and he has had three seasons of 80-plus points.

31
GP 80 G 10 A 21

RASMUS **ANDERSSON**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $4,550,000

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
81-11-20-31-60

His production keeps falling. If a trade comes (as has been rumored), it'll help his offense.

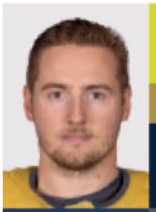
40
GP 78 G 20 A 20

VIKTOR **ARVIDSSON**

BOSTON | CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
67-15-12-27-24

Gets a fresh start in a top-six role in Boston, and he says his back problems are gone.



52
GP 75 G 25 A 27

IVAN **BARBASHEV**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
70-23-28-51-10

Most of his points (48 of 51) came at even strength, which makes him more valuable.

78
GP 70 G 23 A 55

ALEKSANDER **BARKOV**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $10,000,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
67-20-51-71-16

He misses time with injuries every season but still manages to get in the 80-point range.

65
GP 76 G 20 A 45

MATHEW **BARZAL**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $9,150,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
30-6-14-20-4

A bit of a sleeper after missing most of last season. He does have two 80-point seasons.

70
GP 82 G 30 A 40

DRAKE **BATHERSON**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $4,975,000

POS RW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
82-26-42-68-30

He's improved his point production every year he's been in the NHL. That'll keep up.

82
GP 80 G 31 A 51

CONNOR **BEDARD**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS C **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
82-23-44-67-70

Expectations were too high too early. Relax, the much higher point totals are coming.

53
GP 80 G 23 A 30

MATTY **BENIERS**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $7,142,857

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
82-20-23-43-14

Some mediocre scoring after his rookie year makes you wonder about his upside.

45
GP 81 G 15 A 30

JAMIE **BENN**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $1,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 36
2024-25 STATS
80-16-33-49-70

Still contributing to the scoresheet at 36 – just not as often as before.

51
GP 74 G 26 A 25

SAM **BENNETT**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $8,000,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
76-25-26-51-90

Good in the regular season, but he becomes a superstar for the playoffs.

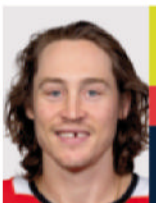
40
GP 77 G 15 A 25

ZACH **BENSON**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS LW **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
75-10-18-28-60

Third year, and he's still barely 20. The big jump in points is close but not quite there yet.



44
GP 80 G 22 A 22

TYLER **BERTUZZI**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
82-23-23-46-51

Streaky scorer (20-game goalless stretch last year), but in the end, he gets his level.

47
GP 81 G 20 A 27

OLIVER **BJORKSTRAND**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $5,400,000

POS RW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
79-21-25-46-18

A reliable secondary scorer who will get you 20 goals and 45 to 55 points.

54
GP 76 G 26 A 28

BROCK **BOESER**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $7,250,000

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
75-25-25-50-16

Had impressive 40-goal season, but don't expect another. Last year's 25-25 is his range.

38
GP 79 G 18 A 20

ZACK **BOLDUC**

MONTREAL | **CAP HIT: $863,333**

POS RW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
72-19-17-36-37

Got power-play time with St. Louis (7 PPG) last year that he won't get with Montreal.

71
GP 80 G 30 A 41

MATT **BOLDY**

MINNESOTA | **CAP HIT: $7,000,000**

POS LW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-27-46-73-51

Scoring didn't suffer when Kaprizov was injured last year, which is a Boldy statement.

76
GP 81 G 15 A 61

EVAN **BOUCHARD**

EDMONTON | **CAP HIT: $10,500,000**

POS D **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
82-14-53-67-32

Just imagine playing the point on a power play with McDavid and Draisaitl.

90
GP 82 G 25 A 65

JESPER **BRATT**

NEW JERSEY | **CAP HIT: $7,875,000**

POS LW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
81-21-67-88-18

Has become an elite scorer, with his value now more in assists than goals.

44
GP 80 G 14 A 30

BOBBY **BRINK**

PHILADELPHIA | **CAP HIT: $1,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
79-12-29-41-22

Established himself as a decent secondary scorer on the third line.

31
GP 75 G 7 A 24

PHILIP **BROBERG**

ST. LOUIS | **CAP HIT: $4,580,917**

POS D **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
68-8-21-29-16

One of the two offer sheet champs. Doesn't get PP time but gets his points regardless.

61
GP 78 G 23 A 38

PAVEL **BUCHNEVICH**

ST. LOUIS | **CAP HIT: $8,000,000**

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
76-20-37-57-23

Playing on top line and power play puts him in a reliable position to score 60-70 points.

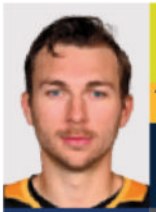
38
GP 70 G 7 A 31

ZEEV **BUIUM**

MINNESOTA | **CAP HIT: $966,500**

POS D **AGE** 19
'24-25 NCAA STATS
41-13-35-48-44

Eventual power-play quarterback, though his development may involve time in AHL.



41
GP 78 G 20 A 21

MICHAEL **BUNTING**

NASHVILLE | **CAP HIT: $4,500,000**

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
76-19-19-38-68

Not much competition for a top-six role in Nashville, which is good for Bunting's ice time.

34
GP 82 G 8 A 26

BRENT **BURNS**

COLORADO | **CAP HIT: $1,000,000**

POS D **AGE** 40
2024-25 STATS
82-6-23-29-28

He's 40, but he never misses a game and can help man any secondary power-play unit.

64
GP 81 G 28 A 36

QUINTON **BYFIELD**

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS C **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
81-23-31-54-46

Two similar seasons (55 and 54 points) looks like a level, but it's not. Still more to come.

40
GP 80 G 10 A 30

BOWEN **BYRAM**

BUFFALO | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS D **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-7-31-38-46

He's an offensive defenseman, but others are ahead of him in Buffalo on the power play.

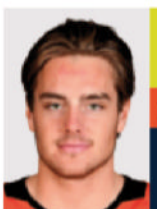
49
GP 78 G 6 A 43

JOHN **CARLSON**

WASHINGTON | **CAP HIT: $8,000,000**

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
79-5-46-51-22

At 35, the goal totals have dropped, but he's still on the top power-play unit.



54
GP 78 G 24 A 30

LEO **CARLSSON**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $950,000**

POS C **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
76-20-25-45-14

We predicted 20-25-45 for Carlsson last year. Dead on, so pay heed. It's going up a bit.

39
GP 80 G 15 A 24

NOAH **CATES**

PHILADELPHIA | **CAP HIT: $4,000,000**

POS LW **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
78-16-21-37-14

When your draft gets down to third-liners, he's a good choice after a good comeback year.

78
GP 82 G 40 A 38

COLE CAUFIELD

MONTREAL | **CAP HIT: $7,850,000**

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-37-33-70-14

Keeps steadily improving. It's not out of the question that he could be a 40-40 player.

70
GP 80 G 28 A 42

MACKLIN CELEBRINI

SAN JOSE | **CAP HIT: $975,000**

POS C **AGE** 19
2024-25 STATS
70-25-38-63-28

Great rookie season, but the team isn't good enough yet for him to make a big point jump.

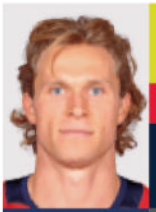
42
GP 75 G 10 A 32

THOMAS CHABOT

OTTAWA | **CAP HIT: $8,000,000**

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
80-9-36-45-24

Good last year, but he's normally an injury worry. Second fiddle to Sanderson on the PP.



42
GP 78 G 15 A 27

JAKOB CHYCHRUN

WASHINGTON | **CAP HIT: $9,000,000**

POS D **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
74-20-27-47-52

Rare nowadays, but the Caps often used two D-men (Carlson the other) on the power play.

55
GP 78 G 25 A 30

ANTHONY CIRELLI

TAMPA BAY | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
80-27-32-59-28

Consistently valuable player off the scoresheet is now a valuable player on it as well.

42
GP 79 G 9 A 33

BRANDT CLARKE

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $863,333**

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
78-5-28-33-46

He's had just one full NHL season but is progressing along normal lines.

38
GP 78 G 20 A 18

SAM COLANGELO

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $850,000**

POS RW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
32-10-2-12-2

Nine goals in 20 games after final call-up showed he's ready for full-time prime-time role.

41
GP 81 G 17 A 24

BLAKE COLEMAN

CALGARY | **CAP HIT: $4,900,000**

POS LW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
82-15-24-39-36

He won't be a 30-goal scorer ever again. But 40 points is still 40 points.

81
GP 80 G 35 A 46

KYLE CONNOR

WINNIPEG | **CAP HIT: $7,142,857**

POS LW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-41-56-97-25

As great a season as he had, it's difficult to repeat career years, so look for a slight drop.

74
GP 78 G 31 A 43

LOGAN COOLEY

UTAH | **CAP HIT: $950,000**

POS C **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
75-25-40-65-46

Didn't take him long to establish himself as a No. 1 center, and he still has more upside.

52
GP 80 G 27 A 25

MATT CORONATO

CALGARY | **CAP HIT: $6,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
77-24-23-47-25

One of the NHL's biggest surprises last year is now a key piece of Calgary's offense.

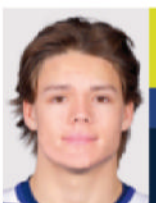
50
GP 78 G 18 A 32

SEAN COUTURIER

PHILADELPHIA | **CAP HIT: $7,750,000**

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
79-15-30-45-41

He was never a Tortorella favorite, but a new coach will give his point total a boost.



41
GP 72 G 14 A 27

EASTON COWAN

TORONTO | **CAP HIT: $873,500**

POS RW **AGE** 20
2024-25 OHL STATS
46-29-40-69-41

Celebrated major-junior player may fit right into the Toronto lineup. Or not. Monitor.

39
GP 82 G 18 A 21

CHARLIE COYLE

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $5,250,000**

POS C **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
83-17-18-35-24

Didn't seem to be a fit in Colorado. More playing opportunities in Columbus.

65
GP 80 G 30 A 55

DYLAN COZENS

OTTAWA | **CAP HIT: $7,100,000**

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-16-31-47-68

A change of scenery is helping. A return to his best season (31-37-68) is possible.

SKATERS

CROSBY–DOUGHTY

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

91 | GP 80 G 35 A 56

SIDNEY **CROSBY**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $8,700,000

POS C **AGE** 38
2024-25 STATS
80-33-58-91-31

Continues to be a marvel at 38. One of the most amazing players in NHL history.

50 | GP 81 G 23 A 27

WILL **CUYLLE**

NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $3,900,000

POS LW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-20-25-45-42

A surprise success story. He hits, kills penalties, can play on any line and scores.

38 | GP 74 G 15 A 23

KIRBY **DACH**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $3,362,500

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
57-10-12-22-40

Injuries an ongoing problem. Lack of scoring is another one. Tread carefully with him.

74 | GP 80 G 21 A 53

RASMUS **DAHLIN**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $11,000,000

POS D **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
73-17-51-68-54

Was fourth in 'D' scoring last season. He would score even more if his team improved.

46 | GP 80 G 15 A 31

PHILLIP **DANAULT**

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
80-8-35-43-26

He's picked himself up from poor goal-scoring seasons, and he'll do it again this year.

40 | GP 75 G 8 A 32

TONY **DEANGELO**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $1,750,000

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
35-4-15-19-10

Has a checkered past, but he led the Isles in average ice time after returning from KHL.

75 | GP 82 G 40 A 35

ALEX **DEBRINCAT**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $7,875,000

POS RW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
82-39-31-70-29

Hasn't missed a game in four years, and he is consistently good for 65-plus points.

48 | GP 80 G 25 A 23

JAKE **DEBRUSK**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-28-20-48-18

Half his goals came on the power play, so there's no danger of losing his spot there.

58 | GP 80 G 24 A 34

IVAN **DEMIDOV**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $940,833

POS RW **AGE** 19
2024-25 KHL STATS
65-19-30-49-22

Say hello to the rookie of the year – or at least a finalist. He will be used on the power play.

31 | GP 75 G 5 A 26

SAM **DICKINSON**

SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: $942,500

POS D **AGE** 19
2024-25 OHL STATS
55-29-62-91-39

It's no sure thing he'll play, but the Sharks need someone like him, and he should be ready.

45 | GP 77 G 10 A 35

NOAH **DOBSON**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS D **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
71-10-29-39-28

He had 70 points two years ago, but in Montreal, he's the second offense-minded 'D.'

38 | GP 78 G 10 A 28

MAX **DOMI**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $3,750,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
74-8-25-33-76

He's had a couple of good seasons, but most of the time, you are left wanting more.

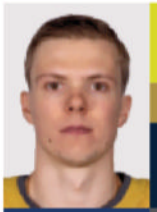
41 | GP 75 G 18 A 23

RYAN **DONATO**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
80-31-31-62-41

Are you suspicious he doubled his points from any other year at age 28? You should be.



56 | GP 80 G 33 A 23

PAVEL **DOROFEYEV**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $1,835,000

POS LW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-35-17-52-30

Came from nowhere to lead Vegas in goals, including 13 that he scored on the PP.

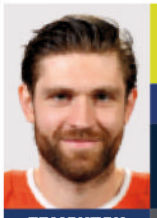
39 | GP 78 G 8 A 31

DREW **DOUGHTY**

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $11,000,000

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
30-4-13-17-20

Has regressed a bit with age and the Kings also used five forwards on their playoff PP.



110

GP 80 G 55 A 55

LEON **DRAISAITL**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $14,000,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
71-52-54-106-34

Six consecutive 100-point years (non-COVID). That'd tie for second most all-time.

41

GP 60 G 13 A 28

JONATHAN **DROUIN**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
43-11-26-37-6

Too many poor seasons with injury problems. Let someone else have the headache.

36

GP 78 G 10 A 26

JAMIE **DRYSDALE**

PHILADELPHIA | CAP HIT: $2,300,000

POS D **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
70-7-13-20-22

His offense is going to come around sooner or later. Take a chance that it's sooner.

64

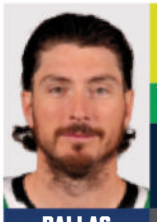
GP 81 G 23 A 41

PIERRE-LUC **DUBOIS**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
82-20-46-66-76

May have finally found a home in Washington, his fourth NHL stop in eight years.



70

GP 78 G 28 A 42

MATT **DUCHENE**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $4,500,000

POS C **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
82-30-52-82-12

The 34-year-old is coming off one of his best seasons, so age isn't a factor yet.

39

GP 65 G 17 A 22

ANTHONY **DUCLAIR**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $3,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
44-7-4-11-10

When the coach says he was "god-awful," and he's played on nine teams, best to avoid.

50

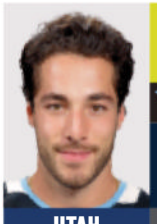
GP 71 G 12 A 38

VINCE **DUNN**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $7,350,000

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
62-11-28-39-33

He's on the power play, but injuries in recent seasons have limited his point production.



32

GP 75 G 5 A 27

SEAN **DURZI**

UTAH | CAP HIT: $6,000,000

POS D **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
30-4-7-11-19

Missed much of last season. Power-play time is now pushed to a secondary role.

40

GP 77 G 14 A 26

JORDAN **EBERLE**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $4,750,000

POS RW **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
42-9-17-26-14

Returned from pelvic surgery and was fine, but he's 35 now, which isn't fine.

39

GP 80 G 12 A 27

SIMON **EDVINSSON**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $894,167

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
78-7-24-31-67

His numbers will grow as he gets more power-play time on the second unit.

61

GP 75 G 25 A 36

NIKOLAJ **EHLERS**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
69-24-39-63-17

Consistent levels around 25 goals and 60 points, even with varying games played.

96

GP 75 G 35 A 61

JACK **EICHEL**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $10,000,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
77-28-66-94-8

Coming off a career year at a level you'd expect, but injury history is always a concern.

39

GP 70 G 7 A 32

AARON **EKBLAD**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $6,100,000

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
56-3-30-33-53

Too much time missed recently, and he doesn't shoot or score as often as he once did.

36

GP 77 G 10 A 26

MATTIAS **EKHOLM**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $6,250,000

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
65-9-24-33-30

Never puts up huge numbers, but he puts up decent secondary ones for a defenseman.

63

GP 75 G 18 A 45

WILLIAM **EKLUND**

SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: $863,333

POS LW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
77-17-41-58-29

Has become an excellent playmaker on the top line and on the power play.

SKATERS

EKMAN-LARSSON-GARLAND

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

30

GP 78 G 5 A 25

OLIVER **EKMAN-LARSSON**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $3,500,000

POS D **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
77-4-25-29-52

Doesn't have an offensive role but still finds opportune times to join the offense.

65

GP 75 G 31 A 34

JOEL **ERIKSSON EK**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $5,250,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
46-14-15-29-22

Missed much of last year with an injury, so you might get a 30-30 guy lower than normal.

42

GP 80 G 15 A 27

LUKE **EVANGELISTA**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $797,500

POS RW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
68-10-22-32-22

Not much firepower in Nashville, so he'll play and get a chance to improve his scoring.

33

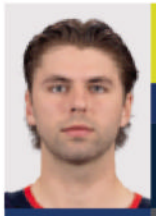
GP 80 G 10 A 23

BROCK **FABER**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS D **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
78-10-19-29-23

The Wild often use five forwards on the PP, which doesn't help his assist totals.



68

GP 80 G 35 A 33

ADAM **FANTILLI**

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS C **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
82-31-23-54-18

Thirty-one goals in his second season is great. Good chance he'll be a 40-40 guy soon.

40

GP 82 G 17 A 23

JOEL **FARABEE**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
81-11-14-25-34

He's an inconsistent secondary scorer, but he's better than the 25 points he had last year.

30

GP 75 G 5 A 25

JUSTIN **FAULK**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS D **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
78-4-28-32-30

He was a good goal-scoring defenseman in the past, but those days are gone.

64

GP 80 G 33 A 31

KEVIN **FIALA**

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $7,875,000

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
81-35-25-60-38

Scores goals on the power play and at even strength. Assists should ramp back up too.

46

GP 82 G 22 A 24

WARREN **FOEGELE**

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $3,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-24-22-46-24

Set career highs across the board in 2024-25. Mid-40s is his point range at age 29.

80

GP 80 G 35 A 45

FILIP **FORSBERG**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
82-31-45-76-44

His goal totals go up and down, but that's a team thing more than anything.

33

GP 80 G 10 A 23

GUSTAV **FORSLING**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $5,750,000

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
80-11-20-31-16

Double-digit goals four years in a row is impressive, especially with only two on the PP.

30

GP 73 G 5 A 25

CAM **FOWLER**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS D **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
68-9-31-40-14

Was dynamite after trade from Anaheim, but he's normally nothing special offensively.

71

GP 78 G 15 A 56

ADAM **FOX**

NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS D **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
74-10-51-61-32

A weak power play accounted for his drop in points. New coach, new power play.

56

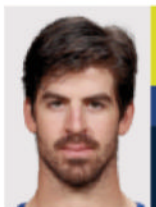
GP 79 G 21 A 35

MORGAN **FROST**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $4,375,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
81-14-23-37-22

There's more offense in him, but if he doesn't break out this year, it's doubtful he ever will.



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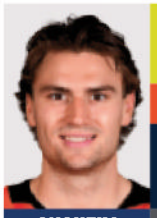
GP 81 G 20 A 29

CONOR **GARLAND**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $4,950,000

POS RW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
81-19-31-50-52

Four remarkably similar seasons in Vancouver. You're in for no surprises here.



50

GP 80 G 25 A 25

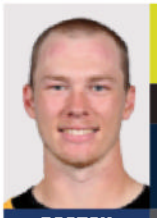
CUTTER GAUTHIER

ANAHEIM

CAP HIT: $950,000

POS LW **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
82-20-24-44-20

Very good rookie season, with promise for much more. But give it another year or two.



49

GP 77 G 26 A 23

MORGAN GEEKIE

BOSTON

CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS C **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
77-33-24-57-22

From nowhere to a great season thanks to Pastrnak. No guarantee he'll repeat it.

50

GP 80 G 12 A 38

CLAUDE GIROUX

OTTAWA

CAP HIT: $2,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 37
2024-25 STATS
81-15-35-50-18

He's still got life at 37, but it's a little weaker life with goals and assists dropping.

53

GP 78 G 10 A 43

SHAYNE GOSTISBEHERE

CAROLINA

CAP HIT: $3,200,000

POS D **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
70-7-38-45-52

An offensive specialist who quarterbacks the PP, where he put up 27 of his 45 points.

60

GP 77 G 15 A 45

MIKAEL GRANLUND

ANAHEIM

CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS C **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
83-22-44-66-28

Granlund is a pretty good bet if you need assists. He's had 40-plus in five seasons.

50

GP 78 G 22 A 28

ARSENIY GRITSYUK

NEW JERSEY

CAP HIT: $925,000

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 KHL STATS
49-7-27-44-14

Coming off five years in KHL, Gritsyuk provides Devils with much-needed scoring.

65

GP 75 G 30 A 35

DYLAN GUENTHER

UTAH

CAP HIT: $7,142,857

POS RW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
70-27-33-60-26

Part of an outstanding first line and top power-play unit with Keller and Cooley.

80

GP 80 G 40 A 40

JAKE GUENTZEL

TAMPA BAY

CAP HIT: $9,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
80-41-39-80-24

Scoring totals didn't fall off away from Crosby. He even set a career high in goals with 41.

85

GP 82 G 33 A 52

BRANDON HAGEL

TAMPA BAY

CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
82-35-55-90-58

He's a fantasy superstar. His 79 non-PP points ranked him second in the NHL last season.

42

GP 70 G 19 A 23

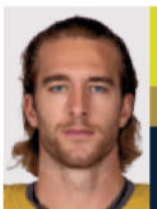
TAYLOR HALL

CAROLINA

CAP HIT: $3,166,667

POS LW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
77-18-24-42-36

Not worth the trouble anymore. When he's not injured, he has mediocre production.



34

GP 80 G 8 A 26

NOAH HANIFIN

VEGAS

CAP HIT: $7,350,000

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
80-10-29-39-14

Puts up good numbers in secondary role. Maybe more PP time with Pietrangelo gone.

47

GP 72 G 12 A 35

DOUGIE HAMILTON

NEW JERSEY

CAP HIT: $9,000,000

POS D **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
64-9-31-40-30

Has reached double figures in goals eight times, but injuries are a constant worry.

48

GP 78 G 15 A 33

THOMAS HARLEY

DALLAS

CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS D **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
78-16-34-50-16

Thirty-one goals the past two seasons, and just two of those were on the power play.

39

GP 78 G 17 A 22

RYAN HARTMAN

MINNESOTA

CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
69-11-15-26-75

It's rare to find someone as all over the map as Hartman. He could score 10, 20 or 30.

54

GP 80 G 24 A 30

BARRETT HAYTON

UTAH

CAP HIT: $2,650,000

POS C **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
82-20-26-46-45

Second-line center still has offensive upside with time on the second power-play unit.

65
GP 77 G 12 A 53

VICTOR **HEDMAN**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $8,000,000

POS D **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
79-15-51-66-30

Over the past four seasons, his totals have been in the 40s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Average 69.

51
GP 75 G 10 A 41

MIRO **HEISKANEN**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $8,450,000

POS D **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
50-5-20-25-10

Toned it down since 73-point 2022-23. Now, Harley has taken over the top PP unit.

62
GP 77 G 30 A 32

TOMAS **HERTL**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $8,137,500

POS C **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
73-32-29-61-20

Inconsistent, but he gets there eventually and is a power-play sniper, with 14 PPG last year.

65
GP 78 G 30 A 35

ROOPE **HINTZ**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $8,450,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
76-28-39-67-30

In four seasons since COVID, he's been consistently between 65 and 75 points.

71
GP 75 G 33 A 38

NICO **HISCHIER**

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $7,250,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
75-35-34-69-20

All-around player who does everything and gets both goals and assists while doing so.

64
GP 80 G 31 A 33

DYLAN **HOLLOWAY**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $2,290,457

POS LW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
77-26-37-63-10

The offer-sheet superstar may have changed the game with his tremendous success.

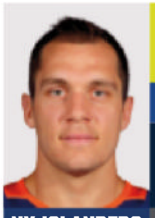
50
GP 75 G 23 A 27

SIMON **HOLMSTROM**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $3,625,000

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
75-20-25-45-8

The team's pop-gun scoring will block his offensive upside from shining for now.



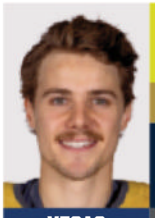
60
GP 81 G 30 A 30

BO **HORVAT**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
81-28-29-57-16

There are some ups and downs in his game, but when you get down to it, he's a 30-30 guy.



44
GP 76 G 22 A 22

BRETT **HOWDEN**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $2,500,000

POS C **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
80-23-17-40-46

After six quiet seasons, he more than doubled any previous goal totals. More of this.

45
GP 80 G 7 A 38

FILIP **HRONEK**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $7,250,000

POS D **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
61-5-28-33-40

Stands out as one of the best second-fiddle offense-minded defensemen in the NHL.

61
GP 81 G 25 A 36

JONATHAN **HUBERDEAU**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $10,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
81-28-34-62-34

While not the 100-point player he was in Florida, he's picked up his goal scoring quite a bit.

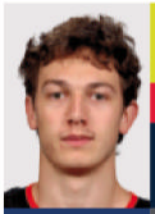
95
GP 77 G 37 A 58

JACK **HUGHES**

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $8,000,000

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
62-27-43-70-18

Potential 100-point player, but the amount of time he's missed for injuries is a worry.



40
GP 80 G 8 A 32

LUKE **HUGHES**

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: RFA

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
71-7-37-44-16

Had 16 points in 17 games with Hamilton hurt. Averaged half a point per game otherwise.

88
GP 78 G 15 A 73

QUINN **HUGHES**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $7,850,000

POS D **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
68-16-60-76-29

He's got 100-point potential. Doesn't mean he'll get there, but it's within reach.

59
GP 80 G 8 A 51

LANE **HUTSON**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS D **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
82-6-60-66-34

Great rookie season despite not having any minor-pro reps, but beware of sophomore jinx.

47

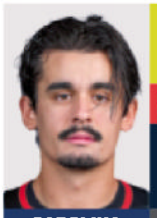
GP 78 G 25 A 22

ZACH **HYMAN**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
73-27-17-44-32

Goal total was halved – from 54 to 27. That's a big worry. Fifty goals is unreachable now.



70

GP 80 G 35 A 35

SETH **JARVIS**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $7,420,087

POS C **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
73-32-35-67-16

Does everything but sell popcorn for the Canes. He has two 30-30 seasons in a row.

45

GP 68 G 25 A 20

BOONE **JENNER**

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $3,750,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
26-7-12-19-4

The reward (he's never had 50 points in a year) isn't enough to overcome injury concerns.

62

GP 77 G 25 A 37

KENT **JOHNSON**

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $1,800,000

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
68-24-33-57-16

Rebounded in a big way from a poor sophomore season. No more AHL time for him.

70

GP 82 G 35 A 35

WYATT **JOHNSTON**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $8,400,000

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
82-33-38-71-14

You know, 30-30 players aren't that common in the NHL, and he's done it two years in a row.

48

GP 72 G 13 A 35

SETH **JONES**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS D **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
63-9-27-36-22

Fits in nicely in Florida after some lean years on weak teams. Plays first-unit PP.

59

GP 70 G 15 A 44

ROMAN **JOSI**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $9,059,000

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
53-9-29-38-18

Elite-scoring defenseman says he will return from his concussion. Make sure he does.

70

GP 82 G 34 A 36

NAZEM **KADRI**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS C **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
82-35-32-67-72

In past four years, he's been in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s for points. Rarely misses a game.

43

GP 75 G 15 A 28

KAAPO **KAKKO**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $4,525,000

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
79-14-30-44-38

A much better fit in Seattle than with the Rangers, but his injury history is still a worry.

49

GP 70 G 25 A 24

EVANDER **KANE**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $5,125,000

POS LW **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
DNP

Missed all of last regular season and is injured a lot, but he is a decent sleeper pick.

55

GP 70 G 20 A 35

PATRICK **KANE**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $3,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 36
2024-25 STATS
72-21-38-59-12

Not the 100-point player he once was but still pretty darn useful as a secondary scorer.

109

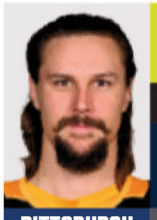
GP 78 G 50 A 59

KIRILL **KAPRIZOV**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $9,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
41-25-31-56-16

Missed half of last season, delaying his next 100-point season until this year.



53

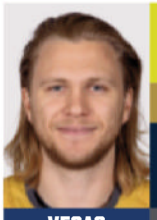
GP 82 G 10 A 43

ERIK **KARLSSON**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $11,500,000

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
82-11-42-53-20

He's reliable at 50 points, but don't count on big numbers anymore at age 35.



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GP 75 G 15 A 34

WILLIAM **KARLSSON**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $5,900,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
53-9-20-29-4

He's all over the place, but if you have a late-round spec pick available, take a chance.

54

GP 80 G 23 A 31

MARCO **KASPER**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $886,667

POS C **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
77-19-18-37-34

Got better as last season went on. In his last 18 games, he had nine goals and 14 points.

SKATERS

KELLER-LAFERRIERE

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

87

GP 80 G 35 A 52

CLAYTON **KELLER**

UTAH | **CAP HIT: $7,150,000**

POS C **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
81-30-60-90-28

He's reached elite status now, averaging 33 goals and 84 points the past three years.

74

GP 80 G 37 A 37

ADRIAN **KEMPE**

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $5,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
81-35-38-73-36

Averaged 35 goals the past four years, and now his assists have caught up to his goals.

37

GP 82 G 12 A 25

ALEXANDER **KERFOOT**

UTAH | **CAP HIT: $3,000,000**

POS C **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
81-11-17-28-14

Rarely misses a game and can play up and down the lineup. He's NHL's Mr. Versatile.

31

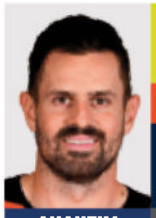
GP 78 G 7 A 24

MICHAEL **KESSELRING**

BUFFALO | **CAP HIT: $1,400,000**

POS D **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
82-7-22-29-89

Won't get a lot of power-play time but involves himself in the offense and shoots a lot.



37

GP 82 G 18 A 19

ALEX **KILLORN**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS LW **AGE** 36
2024-25 STATS
82-19-18-37-30

A couple good years in Tampa Bay didn't translate in Anaheim. At 36, that won't change.

67

GP 78 G 32 A 35

MATTHEW **KNIES**

TORONTO | **CAP HIT: $7,750,000**

POS LW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
78-29-29-58-43

He's a beast who does everything well. Offensively, he is a complement to the big boys.

72

GP 80 G 30 A 42

TRAVIS **KONECNY**

PHILADELPHIA | **CAP HIT: $8,750,000**

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-24-52-76-53

Twenty goals in first half but just four in the second. Consider the second half a blip.

65

GP 81 G 25 A 40

ANZE **KOPITAR**

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $7,000,000**

POS C **AGE** 38
2024-25 STATS
81-21-46-67-4

Common wisdom would say he's slowing down at 38. But common wisdom is wrong.

38

GP 72 G 23 A 15

CHRIS **KREIDER**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $6,500,000**

POS LW **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
68-22-8-30-24

Trade to Anaheim could revive him a little. Not hard to improve on his eight assists.

123

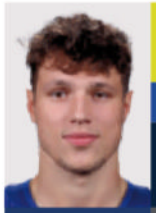
GP 80 G 41 A 82

NIKITA **KUCHEROV**

TAMPA BAY | **CAP HIT: $9,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
78-37-84-121-45

It's McDavid first in your draft, but Kucherov has won the past two scoring titles. Ponder that.



38

GP 78 G 22 A 16

JIRI **KULICH**

BUFFALO | **CAP HIT: $886,667**

POS C **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
62-15-9-24-18

An NHL regular now. He'll play on a scoring line and likely get more goals than assists.

47

GP 75 G 22 A 25

ANDREI **KUZMENKO**

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $4,300,000**

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
66-11-26-37-14

If he's available late in the draft, take a flyer. Not reliable, but he did score 39 goals once.

70

GP 82 G 35 A 35

JORDAN **KYROU**

ST. LOUIS | **CAP HIT: $8,125,000**

POS RW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
82-36-34-70-20

Such a consistent scorer. He's been between 67 and 75 points each of past four years.

34

GP 78 G 10 A 24

JACKSON **LACOMBE**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $925,000**

POS D **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
75-14-29-43-28

One of last year's biggest shocks. Duplicating those stats would be just as shocking.

44

GP 80 G 22 A 22

ALEX **LAFERRIERE**

LOS ANGELES | **CAP HIT: $4,100,000**

POS RW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
77-19-23-42-20

A power forward with a mystery ceiling, but he keeps improving. Likely a 20-20 guy.

55 ALEXIS LAFRENIERE

NY RANGERS | GP 82 G 25 A 30 | CAP HIT: $7,450,000

POS LW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-17-28-45-38

A frequent disappointment, but he has easy opportunity to repeat his one good season.

45 PATRIK LAINE

MONTREAL | GP 65 G 23 A 22 | CAP HIT: $8,700,000

POS RW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
52-20-13-33-14

One of the most untrustworthy players, but he's worth a flier late in the draft just in case.

57 GABRIEL LANDESKOG

COLORADO | GP 59 G 25 A 32 | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
DNP

Came back for playoffs, but injury history is a worry. Take him in later rounds, not early.

70 DYLAN LARKIN

DETROIT | GP 80 G 32 A 38 | CAP HIT: $8,700,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-30-40-70-40

He has had four 30-goal seasons in a row, including 69 or 70 points in three of them.

46 ANDERS LEE

NY ISLANDERS | GP 81 G 23 A 23 | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
82-29-25-54-35

He's scored at least 25 goals seven times, but at 35, that's becoming less likely to occur.

41 ARTTURI LEHKONEN

COLORADO | GP 75 G 23 A 18 | CAP HIT: $4,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
69-27-18-45-34

Coming off a career-best goal total. But his role diminishes with Landeskog back.

32 KRIS LETANG

PITTSBURGH | GP 75 G 7 A 25 | CAP HIT: $6,100,000

POS D **AGE** 38
2024-25 STATS
74-9-21-30-52

He's 38 and coming off (minor) heart surgery. Still useful, but no more big years coming.

54 ELIAS LINDHOLM

BOSTON | GP 80 G 21 A 33 | CAP HIT: $7,750,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
74-9-21-30-52

A first-liner who doesn't score like one anymore, but he's unlikely to move down lineup.

48 ANTON LUNDELL

FLORIDA | GP 78 G 19 A 29 | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS C **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
79-17-28-45-36

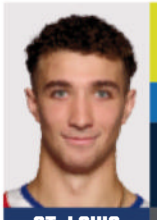
Third-line center could become a second-line center depending on circumstances.

123 NATHAN MACKINNON

COLORADO | GP 80 G 43 A 80 | CAP HIT: $12,600,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
79-32-84-116-41

Three consecutive years over 110 points. One of the first players taken in your draft.



29 LOGAN MAILLOUX

ST. LOUIS | GP 70 G 8 A 21 | CAP HIT: $875,000

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 AHL STATS
63-12-21-33-74

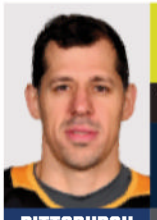
He's one of those defensemen who's good at scoring goals. Double digits in future years.

97 CALE MAKAR

COLORADO | GP 79 G 27 A 70 | CAP HIT: $9,000,000

POS D **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
80-30-62-92-14

The first D-man since 1991 (Coffey and MacInnis) with consecutive 90-point seasons.

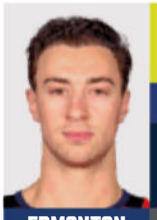


55 EVGENI MALKIN

PITTSBURGH | GP 72 G 20 A 35 | CAP HIT: $6,100,000

POS C **AGE** 39
2024-25 STATS
68-16-34-50-42

Winding down his career at 39. The goals and points are winding down, too.



41 ANDREW MANGIAPANE

EDMONTON | GP 80 G 16 A 25 | CAP HIT: $3,600,000

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
81-14-14-28-24

Playing with McDavid or Draisaitl isn't a guarantee of success, but it doesn't hurt.

56 BRAD MARCHAND

FLORIDA | GP 74 G 25 A 31 | CAP HIT: $5,250,000

POS LW **AGE** 37
2024-25 STATS
71-23-28-51-64

If anyone could keep playing at a high level at 37 it's Marchand, but it's now a giant risk.

57
GP 78 G 27 A 30

KIRILL **MARCHENKO**

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $3,850,000**

POS RW **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
79-31-43-74-20

Was last year's big season a one-off or the new norm? Bet on a little of both?

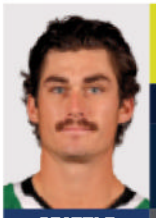
61
GP 78 G 26 A 35

JONATHAN **MARCHESSAULT**

NASHVILLE | **CAP HIT: $5,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
78-21-35-56-37

Poor fit in Nashville, as he saw his goal total drop from 42 to 21. Blamed the coach.



55
GP 72 G 23 A 32

MASON **MARCHMENT**

SEATTLE | **CAP HIT: $4,500,000**

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
62-22-25-47-53

Won't blow your doors off, but he won't flop either. You'll get secondary scoring from him.

103
GP 80 G 25 A 78

MITCH **MARNER**

VEGAS | **CAP HIT: $12,000,000**

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
81-27-75-102-14

Four seasons of more than 90 points in his career. Doesn't get much better than that.

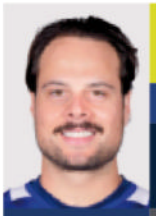
31
GP 78 G 7 A 24

MIKE **MATHESON**

MONTREAL | **CAP HIT: $4,875,000**

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
80-6-25-31-51

Hutson taking over his PP role greatly diminished his production. That's not getting better.



95
GP 78 G 50 A 45

AUSTON **MATTHEWS**

TORONTO | **CAP HIT: $13,250,000**

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
67-33-45-78-20

It's normal for elite goal-scorers to rebound after down seasons. Count on that here.

43
GP 70 G 10 A 33

CHARLIE **MCAVOY**

BOSTON | **CAP HIT: $9,500,000**

POS D **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
50-7-16-23-46

Injuries were a problem last year. That's been the case many years, so beware.

60
GP 80 G 25 A 35

JARED **MCCANN**

SEATTLE | **CAP HIT: $5,000,000**

POS LW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-22-39-61-18

Isn't going to score 40 goals again, but he produces around a 60-point clip every year.

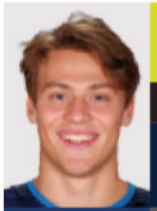
127
GP 78 G 45 A 82

CONNOR **MCDAVID**

EDMONTON | **CAP HIT: $12,500,000**

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
67-26-74-100-37

Unless he signs soon, the conversation all season will be him entering free agency.



40
GP 75 G 14 A 26

RUTGER **MCGROARTY**

PITTSBURGH | **CAP HIT: $950,000**

POS RW **AGE** 21
2024-25 AHL STATS
60-14-25-39-37

He'll be an NHL regular but could play on lines one through four. Bit of a wild card.

40
GP 80 G 15 A 25

RYAN **MCLEOD**

BUFFALO | **CAP HIT: $5,000,000**

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
79-20-33-53-16

Providing unexpected offense as a defensive player usually means it won't be repeated.

38
GP 75 G 23 A 15

BOBBY **MCMANN**

TORONTO | **CAP HIT: $1,350,000**

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
74-20-14-34-27

Risky. Sometimes, he looks like a dominant power forward. Other times, he is invisible.

56
GP 80 G 23 A 33

CONNOR **MCMICHAEL**

WASHINGTON | **CAP HIT: $2,100,000**

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-26-31-57-49

There's a bit of worry that if he moves to center full time, he'll move down the depth chart.

67
GP 76 G 32 A 35

MASON **MCTAVISH**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: RFA**

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
76-22-30-52-38

Anaheim's leading second-half scorer (16-19-35) is ready for next level of production.

57
GP 80 G 28 A 29

TIMO **MEIER**

NEW JERSEY | **CAP HIT: $8,800,000**

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
80-26-27-53-58

Gets goals and assists in equal numbers, and he has the potential to be a 30-30 player.

42
GP 82 G 20 A 22

DAWSON MERCER
NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS C **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-19-17-36-16

Has never missed a game and never takes a shift off. A decent secondary scorer.

72
GP 80 G 32 A 40

MATVEI MICHKOV
PHILADELPHIA | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS RW **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
80-26-37-63-46

On the top line and PP. He's bound to improve and bump up his production even more.

81
GP 80 G 31 A 50

J.T. MILLER
NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $8,000,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
72-22-48-70-55

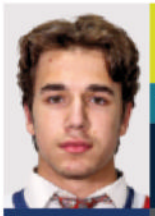
Was more his normal self after getting out of a bad situation in Vancouver. He'll keep it up.

29
GP 75 G 7 A 22

PAVEL MINTYUKOV
ANAHEIM | CAP HIT: $918,333

POS D **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
68-5-14-19-20

Not the best situation for him with a couple offensive defensemen in front of him.



47
GP 78 G 17 A 30

MICHAEL MISA
SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: ELC (UNSIGNED)

POS C **AGE** 18
2024-25 OHL STATS
65-62-72-134-45

No point waiting around. He's going to be a star, starting with modest rookie numbers.

45
GP 80 G 15 A 30

CASEY MITTELSTADT
BOSTON | CAP HIT: $5,750,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
81-15-25-40-24

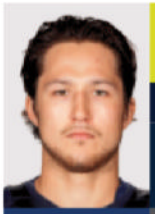
Has battled inconsistency and mediocrity throughout his career. That won't change now.

57
GP 65 G 22 A 35

SEAN MONAHAN
COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $5,500,000

POS C **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
54-19-38-57-20

Injuries are always a concern, but the production is back if you can handle the worry.



48
GP 80 G 15 A 33

BRANDON MONTOUR
SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $7,142,857

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
81-18-23-41-70

Shoots the puck a lot (fourth most for D-men), scores goals and plays a ton of minutes.

43
GP 77 G 20 A 23

TREVOR MOORE
LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $4,200,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
71-18-22-40-14

He puts up decent third-line numbers – for when your draft gets down to third-liners.

67
GP 80 G 15 A 52

JOSH MORRISSEY
WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $6,250,000

POS D **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
80-14-48-62-22

Finished fourth in Norris Trophy voting and is also among the best fantasy defensemen.

38
GP 78 G 11 A 27

VLADISLAV NAMESTNIKOV
WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $3,000,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
78-11-27-38-38

His past two seasons have been almost identical, so don't look for anything different.

52
GP 80 G 24 A 28

FRANK NAZAR
CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS C **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
53-12-14-26-24

One of those guys who didn't put up a lot of points but you can tell will very soon.

75
GP 78 G 30 A 45

MARTIN NECAS
COLORADO | CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
79-27-56-83-16

He's not Rantanen, but playing on the right side of MacKinnon is more than good.

48
GP 80 G 24 A 24

JAKE NEIGHBOURS
ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $3,750,000

POS LW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-22-24-46-56

He's a middle-six forward, so expect him to produce middle-six numbers for now.

58
GP 81 G 27 A 31

BROCK NELSON
COLORADO | CAP HIT: $7,500,000

POS C **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
80-26-30-56-18

At 33, the 30-goal seasons will be tough to come by. Still a lock for 50-plus points.

29
GP 75 G 7 A 22

SIMON **NEMEC**

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $918,333

POS D **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
27-2-2-4-14

The No. 2 pick in the 2022 draft is slated for full-time NHL duty. Offense will come later.

40
GP 55 G 20 A 20

VALERI **NICHUSHKIN**

COLORADO | CAP HIT: $6,125,000

POS RW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
43-21-13-34-8

Persistent off-ice problems make him undraftable, unless you're OK with the risks.

31
GP 72 G 5 A 26

ALEXANDER **NIKISHIN**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $925,000

POS D **AGE** 23
2024-25 KHL STATS
61-17-29-46-32

Spectacular KHL production will take some time to translate to the NHL level.

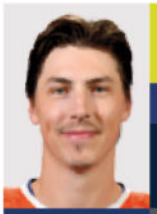
46
GP 68 G 24 A 22

JOSH **NORRIS**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $7,950,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
56-21-14-35-44

Lots of goal-scoring talent but lots of injuries. He's one of those risk-reward players.



64
GP 80 G 22 A 42

RYAN **NUGENT-HOPKINS**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $5,125,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
78-20-29-49-24

Two years ago, he had 104 points. With his PP time, he has to come up from 49.

33
GP 80 G 8 A 25

DARNELL **NURSE**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $9,250,000

POS D **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
76-5-28-33-72

He can reach double digits in goals, but he usually ends up in the mid-30s in points.

88
GP 82 G 40 A 48

WILLIAM **NYLANDER**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $11,500,000

POS RW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-45-39-84-26

Three straight seasons of 40 goals without missing a game. That's fantasy gold.

37
GP 75 G 12 A 25

GUSTAV **NYQUIST**

WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $3,250,000

POS C **AGE** 36
2024-25 STATS
79-11-17-28-16

Age caught up to the 36-year-old quickly. One season after 75 points, he had just 28.

60
GP 77 G 25 A 35

RYAN **O'REILLY**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $4,500,000

POS C **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
79-21-32-53-24

Plays on the PP with Forsberg and Josi, so even on a weak team, he'll get his points.

67
GP 75 G 37 A 30

ALEX **OVECHKIN**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 40
2024-25 STATS
65-44-29-73-14

You wonder if there will be a letdown this year. Probably, but it could be his last season.

40
GP 77 G 12 A 28

JEAN-GABRIEL **PAGEAU**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
79-14-28-42-23

Final year of deal, so he could be moved at the trade deadline. Usually around 40 points.

47
GP 80 G 23 A 24

KYLE **PALMIERI**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $4,750,000

POS C **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
82-24-24-48-20

Two good years in a row outweigh whatever problems he had in the past.

100
GP 81 G 35 A 65

ARTEMI **PANARIN**

NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $11,642,857

POS LW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
80-37-52-89-16

Off-ice (personal) and on-ice (team) problems don't seem to affect his bottom line.

36
GP 78 G 14 A 22

COLTON **PARAYKO**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS D **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
64-16-20-36-8

Oddity: scores a lot of goals, gets few assists and doesn't play on the first power play.

46
GP 78 G 12 A 34

ZAYNE **PAREKH**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $942,500

POS D **AGE** 19
2024-25 OHL STATS
61-33-74-107-96

He has junior eligibility but is still worth the risk because the reward is astronomical.

115
GP 82 G 52 A 63

DAVID **PASTRNAK**

BOSTON | CAP HIT: $11,250,000

POS RW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-43-63-106-42

He led Boston's second-best producer by 49 points. He does it all – and then some.

40
GP 78 G 20 A 20

NICK **PAUL**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $3,150,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
76-22-19-41-30

The Lightning are masters at turning afterthoughts into reliable secondary scorers.

64
GP 78 G 23 A 41

COLE **PERFETTI**

WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $3,250,000

POS C **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-18-32-50-20

Has progressed nicely, and he still has another level to reach before hitting his peak.

62
GP 77 G 27 A 35

JJ **PETERKA**

UTAH | CAP HIT: $7,700,000

POS RW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
77-27-41-68-34

Goes from one young top-six forward group to another. The offense will keep on coming.

81
GP 80 G 30 A 51

ELIAS **PETTERSSON**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $11,600,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
64-15-30-45-14

His terrible year is good news for us. Now we can buy low on a former 100-point scorer.

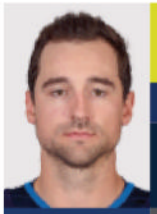
41
GP 78 G 22 A 19

SHANE **PINTO**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $3,750,000

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
70-21-16-37-26

Twenty goals from a third-line center indicates he could do more if given the chance.



37
GP 80 G 10 A 27

NEAL **PIONK**

WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS D **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
69-10-29-39-44

He's a good goal-scorer for a defenseman and gets second-unit power-play time.

90
GP 78 G 45 A 45

BRAYDEN **POINT**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
77-42-40-82-7

In the past three years, he's averaged 46 goals and 89 points. Doesn't get much better.

46
GP 80 G 11 A 35

OWEN **POWER**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $8,350,000

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
79-7-33-40-16

There's only so much you can do with Dahlin ahead of you, and Power does all of it.

56
GP 78 G 25 A 31

ALIAKSEI **PROTAS**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $3,375,000

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
76-30-36-66-18

Came from nowhere to have a huge season. That's often suspicious, but he's legit.

31
GP 82 G 6 A 25

IVAN **PROVOROV**

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-7-26-33-31

He's consistently in the 30-point range and consistently plays all 82 games.

54
GP 78 G 21 A 33

JACK **QUINN**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $3,375,000

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
74-15-24-39-18

It's been a winding road, but 15 points in his last 20 games shows he's straightening out.

34
GP 77 G 6 A 28

DARREN **RADDYSH**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $975,000

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
73-6-31-37-14

Undrafted longtime AHLer has now put together two solid years of NHL production.

52
GP 78 G 21 A 31

RICKARD **RAKELL**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
81-35-35-70-14

He has very good seasons, and he has bad seasons. That's not what we're looking for.

87
GP 80 G 36 A 51

MIKKO **RANTANEN**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $12,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-32-56-88-60

Won't be a 100-point scorer away from Colorado, but he won't be too far away, either.

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84

GP 82 G 32 A 52

LUCAS **RAYMOND**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $8,075,000

POS LW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-27-53-80-18

He's at such a high level now, all he can do is keep it going. Shouldn't be much variation.

82

GP 80 G 41 A 41

SAM **REINHART**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $8,625,000

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
79-39-42-81-27

First line, power play, and he will lead the Panthers in goals, probably by a nice margin.

48

GP 80 G 7 A 41

MORGAN **RIELLY**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $7,500,000

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
82-7-34-41-21

Toronto has used five forwards on the power play, so his points depend on his role.

41

GP 80 G 7 A 34

SAM **RINZEL**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $941,667

POS D **AGE** 21
2024-25 NCAA STATS
40-10-22-32-12

He's a sleeper and a Calder candidate, especially considering his NHL taste after college.

81

GP 82 G 38 A 43

JASON **ROBERTSON**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $7,750,000

POS LW **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
82-35-45-80-18

When he's hot, he's hot. He had seven goals in first 34 games and 28 in the final 48.

37

GP 75 G 18 A 19

NICK **ROBERTSON**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $1,825,000

POS LW **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
69-15-7-22-16

Might need a trade to reach the next level – if that level indeed exists. A mystery.

38

GP 80 G 15 A 23

EVAN **RODRIGUES**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $3,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
82-15-17-32-38

A 30- to 40-point scorer but gets prime line assignments and is good in the playoffs.

43

GP 80 G 20 A 23

JACK **ROSLOVIC**

UFA | CAP HIT: UFA

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
81-22-17-39-10

Best case scenario is 20 goals and 40 points. He was a healthy scratch in the playoffs.

50

GP 78 G 20 A 30

MARCO **ROSSI**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: RFA

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-24-36-60-26

There are questions about his fit with the Wild, but 60-point second-liners aren't common.

56

GP 72 G 25 A 31

BRYAN **RUST**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $5,125,000

POS RW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
71-31-34-65-18

Don't get excited over one 30-goal season. Six consecutive 20-goal years works though.

41

GP 78 G 21 A 20

BRANDON **SAAD**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $2,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
72-13-17-30-6

He bet on himself (terminated contract with Blues to become UFA), so we'll bet on him too.

42

GP 78 G 18 A 24

MACKIE **SAMOSKEVICH**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $775,000

POS RW **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
72-15-16-31-12

Didn't play much in the playoffs, but he'll be a big part of Cats' lineup for years to come.

62

GP 81 G 16 A 46

JAKE **SANDERSON**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $8,050,000

POS D **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
80-11-46-57-12

Already at a high level, but 9-25-34 in the second half indicates there could be more.

32

GP 81 G 7 A 25

TRAVIS **SANHEIM**

PHILADELPHIA | CAP HIT: $6,250,000

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-8-22-30-40

Plays a lot but doesn't get much PP time. Gets his goals, but his points are limited.

47

GP 80 G 8 A 39

MATTHEW **SCHAEFER**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $975,000

POS D **AGE** 18
2024-25 OHL STATS
17-7-15-22-8

After the Dobson trade, Schaefer slots in as the No. 1 D-man. No waiting around.

80
GP 80 G 35 A 45

MARK **SCHEIFELE**

WINNIPEG | **CAP HIT: $8,500,000**

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
82-39-48-87-61

Coming off a career high in points. You can't expect him to repeat at such a high level.

41
GP 82 G 15 A 26

BRAYDEN **SCHENN**

ST. LOUIS | **CAP HIT: $6,500,000**

POS C **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
82-18-32-50-61

At 34, he's a candidate to move down the lineup as his production also falls.

61
GP 77 G 21 A 40

NICK **SCHMALTZ**

UTAH | **CAP HIT: $5,850,000**

POS C **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-20-43-63-14

Despite zero goals in his first 23 games, he still finished in his 20-goal, 60-point range.

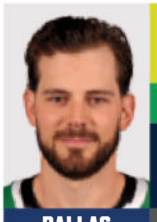
42
GP 72 G 20 A 22

JADEN **SCHWARTZ**

SEATTLE | **CAP HIT: $5,500,000**

POS C **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
81-26-23-49-24

Despite zero goals in his first 23 games, he still finished in his 20-goal, 60-point range.



49
GP 78 G 24 A 25

TYLER **SEGUIN**

DALLAS | **CAP HIT: $9,850,000**

POS C **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
20-9-12-21-4

A known name, but he's no longer a 70- to 80-point scorer. He's in the 50-point range.

49
GP 82 G 9 A 40

MORITZ **SEIDER**

DETROIT | **CAP HIT: $8,550,000**

POS D **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
82-8-38-46-40

Has never missed a game, ranks top 10 in ice time, and he produces plenty offensively.

52
GP 78 G 10 A 42

MIKHAIL **SERGACHEV**

UTAH | **CAP HIT: $8,500,000**

POS D **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
77-15-38-53-32

Great fit in Utah, playing 25 minutes a game and manning the power-play point.

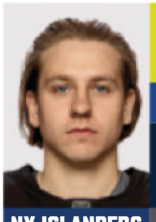
29
GP 75 G 7 A 22

DAMON **SEVERSON**

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
70-6-19-25-47

He will score some goals, but he isn't much of an offensive factor overall in Columbus.



40
GP 80 G 13 A 27

MAXIM **SHABANOV**

NY ISLANDERS | **CAP HIT: $975,000**

POS RW **AGE** 24
2024-25 KHL STATS
65-23-44-67-18

He's tiny, but his production isn't. Led KHL team in scoring and ripped it up in playoffs.

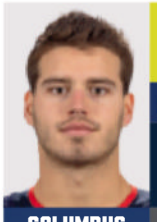
42
GP 77 G 17 A 25

YEGOR **SHARANGOVICH**

CALGARY | **CAP HIT: $5,750,000**

POS C **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
73-17-15-32-8

He alternates between up and down seasons. According to his pattern, this is an up year.



43
GP 78 G 18 A 25

COLE **SILLINGER**

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $2,250,000**

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
66-11-22-33-35

Progress has been slow for the 22-year-old, but there's a big point jump coming.

39
GP 81 G 12 A 27

BRADY **SKJEI**

NASHVILLE | **CAP HIT: $7,000,000**

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
82-10-23-33-42

Gets power-play time, shoots the puck, scores goals and rarely misses games. Enough?

60
GP 80 G 25 A 35

JURAJ **SLAFKOVSKY**

MONTREAL | **CAP HIT: $7,600,000**

POS LW **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
79-18-33-51-45

At some point, he's going to have a big goal jump. Either this season or next.

30
GP 80 G 7 A 23

JACCOB **SLAVIN**

CAROLINA | **CAP HIT: $6,395,955**

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
80-6-21-27-8

Not considered an offensive threat, but he chips in with some goal scoring every year.

38
GP 77 G 15 A 23

REILLY **SMITH**

VEGAS | **CAP HIT: $2,000,000**

POS RW **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
79-13-27-40-24

Every couple years or so, he gets 20 goals, but at age 34, it's more likely 15 at best.

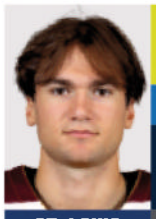
54
GP 78 G 23 A 31

WILL **SMITH**

SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS C **AGE** 20
2024-25 STATS
74-18-27-45-18

A move to center won't help his production, but playing with Celebrini on the PP will.



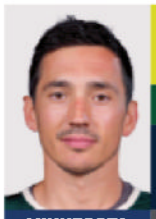
54
GP 78 G 21 A 33

JIMMY **SNUGGERUD**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $950,000

POS RW **AGE** 21
2024-25 NCAA STATS
40-24-27-51-29

Went right to the top line and power play after signing out of college. And scored.



33
GP 72 G 10 A 23

JARED **SPURGEON**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $7,575,000

POS D **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
66-7-25-32-14

Has reached double digits in goals six times, without much benefit of the power play.

50
GP 81 G 25 A 25

STEVEN **STAMKOS**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $8,000,000

POS C **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
82-27-26-53-48

The glory days are over. Now, you're looking at Stamkos Part II, which isn't so great.

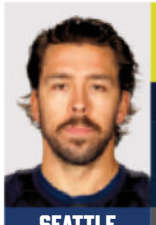
50
GP 80 G 21 A 29

LOGAN **STANKOVEN**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $814,167

POS C **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
78-14-24-38-18

Proved to be a nice fit in Carolina after the Rantanen trade. His points are on the way up.



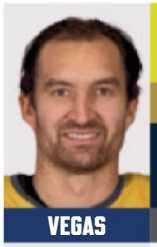
51
GP 77 G 15 A 36

CHANDLER **STEPHENSON**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $6,250,000

POS C **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
78-13-38-51-24

He's an assist-first guy, but without a big sniper, he's limited to the 50-point range.



52
GP 70 G 17 A 35

MARK **STONE**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS RW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
66-19-48-67-14

Few players of his high caliber suffer as many injuries. Good reward, but the risk is high.

85
GP 82 G 30 A 55

DYLAN **STROME**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-29-53-82-34

It took almost 10 years for Strome to reach an elite level. A lesson in there somewhere.

41
GP 81 G 11 A 30

RYAN **STROME**

ANAHEIM | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
82-10-31-41-70

Three consecutive seasons of 41 points. Hmm...looks suspiciously like a pattern.

83
GP 80 G 30 A 53

TIM **STUTZLE**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $8,350,000

POS LW **AGE** 23
2024-25 STATS
82-24-55-79-46

Assist range in the 50s, but his goal totals have fluctuated the past three years: 39, 18 and 24.

90
GP 82 G 35 A 55

NICK **SUZUKI**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $7,875,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
82-30-59-89-8

Doesn't miss any games, and his point totals improve every year. That's fantasy gold.

66
GP 76 G 31 A 35

ANDREI **SVECHNIKOV**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $7,750,000

POS RW **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
72-20-28-48-59

Has career highs still to come, especially in goals. He'll score more than last year's 20.

68
GP 80 G 33 A 35

JOHN **TAVARES**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $4,380,000

POS C **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
75-38-36-74-46

If he's losing it at 35, it's difficult to tell. His 38 goals tied for second-most of career.

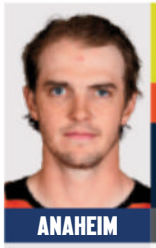
60
GP 81 G 20 A 40

TEUVO **TERAVAINEN**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $5,400,000

POS LW **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
82-15-43-58-12

A good playmaker who's a fixture in the top six and on the PP. Production will come.



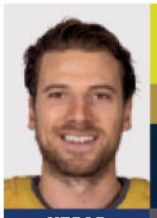
72
GP 75 G 34 A 38

TROY **TERRY**

ANAHEIM | CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
77-21-34-55-20

A new coach and an improved power play will boost his goal scoring significantly.



57
GP 72 G 10 A 47

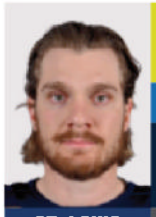
SHEA THEODORE

VEGAS

CAP HIT: $7,425,000

POS D **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
67-7-50-57-26

Has had injury problems three years in a row. Will set career highs if healthy all season.



88
GP 77 G 25 A 63

ROBERT THOMAS

ST. LOUIS

CAP HIT: $8,125,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
70-21-60-81-20

Some fantasy leagues have assists as a category. Thomas has two straight years of 60.

78
GP 78 G 48 A 30

TAGE THOMPSON

BUFFALO

CAP HIT: $7,142,857

POS C **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
76-44-28-72-35

His 37 even-strength goals led the NHL last year. He could hit 50 total tallies with a good PP.

50
GP 78 G 25 A 25

OWEN TIPPETT

PHILADELPHIA

CAP HIT: $6,200,000

POS RW **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
77-20-23-43-16

He's been pushed down the lineup a bit, but he should still score 25-plus goals.

70
GP 78 G 35 A 35

BRADY TKACHUK

OTTAWA

CAP HIT: $8,205,714

POS LW **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
72-29-26-55-123

Point production took a hit last year, but knowing his history, expect a return to normalcy.

90
GP 78 G 32 A 58

MATTHEW TKACHUK

FLORIDA

CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS LW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
52-22-35-57-54

He's had two 100-point years, but they're harder to come by now. Not far away though.

46
GP 78 G 11 A 35

DEVON TOEWS

COLORADO

CAP HIT: $7,250,000

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
76-10-34-44-26

Has little power-play time but was fifth among defensemen in even-strength scoring.

40
GP 70 G 15 A 25

JONATHAN TOEWS

WINNIPEG

CAP HIT: $2,000,000

POS C **AGE** 37
2024-25 STATS
DNP

He's trying to make a comeback. Good for him, but no reason for us to get involved.

57
GP 78 G 32 A 25

TYLER TOFFOLI

SAN JOSE

CAP HIT: $6,000,000

POS RW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
78-30-24-54-14

Three straight 30-goal seasons playing for four different teams. That works for us.

64
GP 82 G 23 A 41

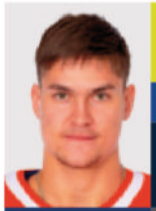
VINCENT TROCHECK

NY RANGERS

CAP HIT: $5,625,000

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
82-26-33-59-44

His assist numbers frequently fluctuate, but his goal totals are always in the 20s.



43
GP 78 G 13 A 30

MAXIM TSYPLAKOV

NY ISLANDERS

CAP HIT: $2,250,000

POS RW **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
77-10-25-35-39

Went from 10 goals to 31 in the KHL then 10 in the NHL. He'll have a slight jump this year.

71
GP 78 G 35 A 36

ALEX TUCH

BUFFALO

CAP HIT: $4,750,000

POS RW **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
82-36-31-67-47

If your league counts blocked shots, you get a scorer and the leader in blocks by a forward.

48
GP 81 G 24 A 24

FRANK VATRANO

ANAHEIM

CAP HIT: $4,571,189

POS RW **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
81-21-24-45-80

Forget the 37-goal season. He hasn't even had as many as 25 goals in any other year.

60
GP 80 G 26 A 34

CARTER VERHAEGHE

FLORIDA

CAP HIT: $7,000,000

POS LW **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
81-20-33-53-46

Goal drop is a worry, but he shoots the puck all day long, so he's bounce-back eligible.

67
GP 76 G 31 A 36

GABE VILARDI

WINNIPEG

CAP HIT: $7,500,000

POS C **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
71-27-34-61-14

Has a lot of injury problems but no scoring problems. Thirty goals in range this year.

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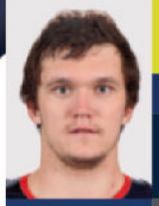


44
GP 78 G 20 A 24

DMITRI **VORONKOV**

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $4,175,000**

POS LW **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
73-23-24-47-55

Eight power-play goals led the team last season, but his spot on that unit isn't guaranteed.

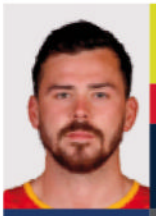
31
GP 71 G 5 A 26

JAKE **WALMAN**

EDMONTON | **CAP HIT: $3,400,000**

POS D **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
65-7-33-40-42

Won't get much power-play time, but he's got offense in his game and scores goals.



37
GP 81 G 7 A 30

MACKENZIE **WEEGAR**

CALGARY | **CAP HIT: $6,250,000**

POS D **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
81-8-39-47-33

It may take a while, but Weegar will eventually lose his top PP spot to Parekh.

63
GP 80 G 18 A 45

ZACH **WERENSKI**

COLUMBUS | **CAP HIT: $9,583,333**

POS D **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
81-23-59-82-31

His sensational season will be difficult to duplicate – or even come close to duplicating.

49
GP 75 G 25 A 24

TOM **WILSON**

WASHINGTON | **CAP HIT: $6,500,000**

POS RW **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
81-33-32-65-100

Don't expect a 30-30 season again. A great year, but he's more of a 20-20 guy.

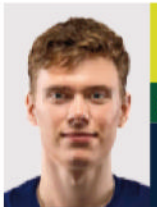
63
GP 80 G 26 A 37

SHANE **WRIGHT**

SEATTLE | **CAP HIT: $886,667**

POS C **AGE** 21
2024-25 STATS
79-19-25-44-18

He's on the right track, but playing on a low-scoring team puts a cap on his production.



60
GP 78 G 26 A 34

DANILA **YUROV**

MINNESOTA | **CAP HIT: $950,000**

POS RW **AGE** 21
2024-25 KHL STATS
46-13-12-25-10

He'll be in the Calder conversation. Time in the top six and on the PP right off the bat.

52
GP 80 G 18 A 34

PAVEL **ZACHA**

BOSTON | **CAP HIT: $4,750,000**

POS C **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
82-14-33-47-21

A secondary scorer who puts up secondary numbers on a secondary line. No upside.

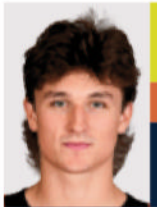
40
GP 72 G 18 A 22

CONNOR **ZARY**

CALGARY | **CAP HIT: RFA**

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
54-13-14-27-14

Injuries have held him back, so he's a bit of a sleeper pick if he can stay healthy.



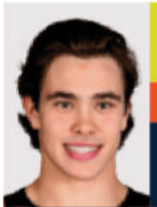
65
GP 75 G 24 A 41

TREVOR **ZEGRAS**

PHILADELPHIA | **CAP HIT: $5,750,000**

POS C **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
57-12-20-32-23

Trade to Philadelphia should do wonders for him, but you wonder why he needed it.



39
GP 80 G 12 A 27

OLEN **ZELLWEGER**

ANAHEIM | **CAP HIT: $844,167**

POS D **AGE** 22
2024-25 STATS
62-7-13-20-20

An offensive dynamo. A new year with a new coach, and he gets a chance to prove it.

38
GP 80 G 15 A 23

FABIAN **ZETTERLUND**

OTTAWA | **CAP HIT: $4,275,000**

POS LW **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
84-19-22-41-14

Goes MIA on the scoresheet for long periods of time, but expectations aren't that high.

70
GP 81 G 25 A 45

MIKA **ZIBANEJAD**

NY RANGERS | **CAP HIT: $8,500,000**

POS C **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
82-20-42-62-22

Had a down year (like many Rangers) but turned it around in second half. Return to form.

46
GP 72 G 21 A 25

MATS **ZUCCARELLO**

MINNESOTA | **CAP HIT: $4,125,000**

POS RW **AGE** 38
2024-25 STATS
69-19-35-54-22

Still producing as always, but continuing that pace at 38 becomes less likely.

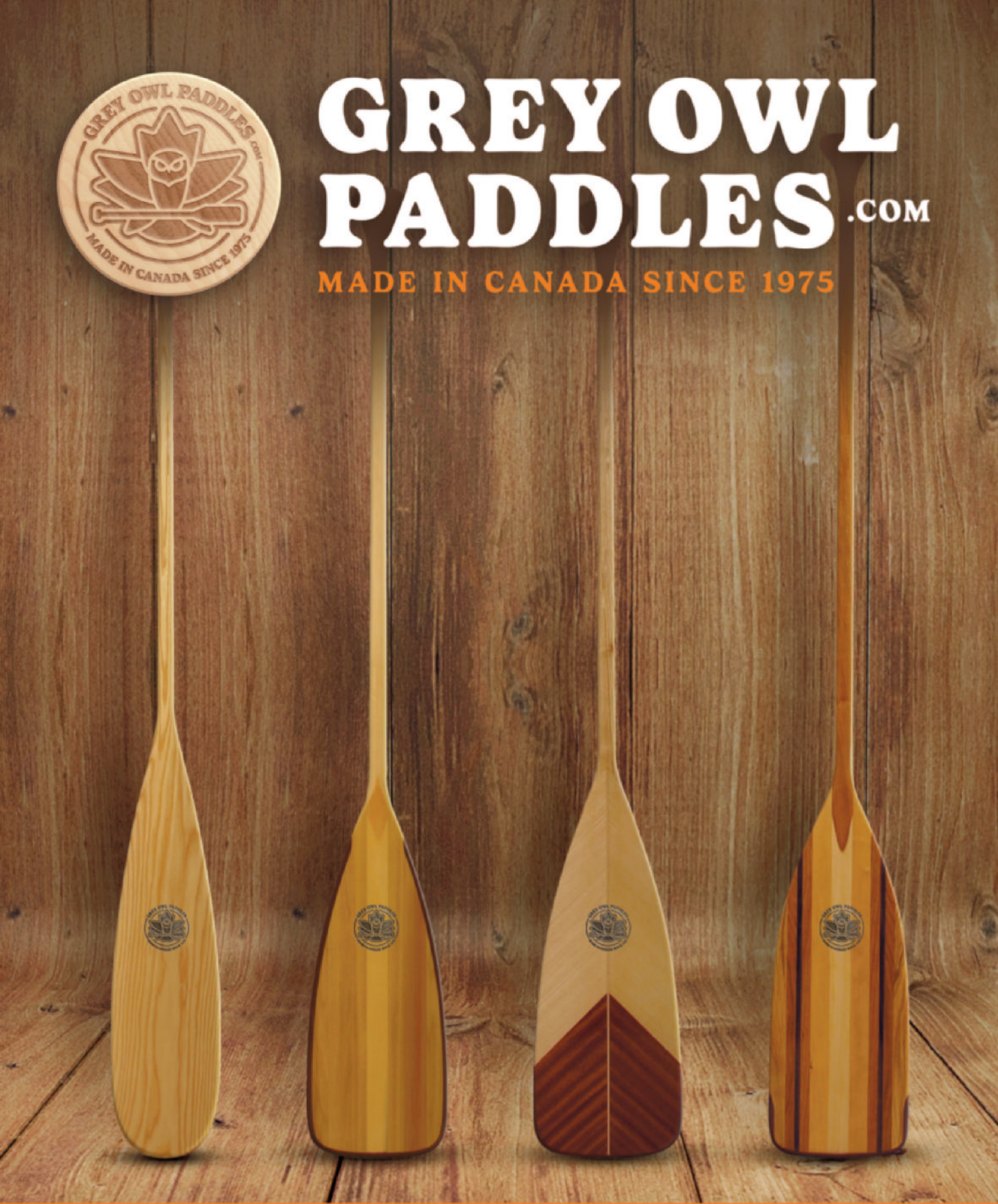
44
GP 74 G 20 A 24

JASON **ZUCKER**

BUFFALO | **CAP HIT: $4,750,000**

POS LW **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
73-21-32-53-57

Rewarded with a two-year extension after a nice season, but at 33, no guarantees.



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GOALIES

THE NO. 1 GOALIE selection in your fantasy league is going to be Connor Hellebuyck. He plays a lot and wins a lot. But who goes next? Here's our listing of the top 60 goalies to choose from. Six or seven of them are candidates to go No. 2 in your pool. Consult our checklist page on pg. 214 for a full listing.

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17 JAKE ALLEN

GAA 2.63 SP .905

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $1,800,000

POS G **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
13-16-1, 2.66, .906

At this stage of his career, he's a good backup who can fill in as a No. 1 without issue.

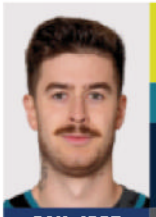
24 FREDERIK ANDERSEN

GAA 2.25 SP .905

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $2,750,000

POS G **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
13-8-1, 2.50, .899

You know he's going to get injured, so don't make him your primary goalie.



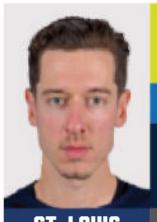
23 YAROSLAV ASKAROV

GAA 3.15 SP .903

SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: $2,000,000

POS G **AGE** 23
2024-25 AHL STATS
11-9-2, 2.45, .923

He's the main guy in San Jose now, and he will have a long career there as the No. 1.



27 JORDAN BINNINGTON

GAA 2.45 SP .905

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $6,000,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
28-22-5, 2.69, .900

Not great numbers except that he's played 55-plus games for three years in a row.

35 MACKENZIE BLACKWOOD

GAA 2.41 SP .908

COLORADO | CAP HIT: $5,250,000

POS G **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
28-21-6, 2.55, .912

It won't be hard for him to get a career high in wins as the No. 1 goalie on a top team.

39 SERGEI BOBROVSKY

GAA 2.24 SP .911

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $10,000,000

POS G **AGE** 37
2024-25 STATS
33-19-2, 2.44, .905

There are few more reliable goalies. Plays a ton and gets it done every single year.

29 JOEY DACCORD

GAA 2.65 SP .907

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
27-23-5, 2.75, .906

Two 50-game seasons in a row with good numbers. His wins are limited by the team.

26 THATCHER DEMKO

GAA 2.34 SP .910

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $5,000,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
10-8-3, 2.90, .889

Injuries contributed to a lost season, which means he's a good comeback candidate.

15 CASEY DESMITH

GAA 2.54 SP .911

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $1,000,000

POS G **AGE** 34
2024-25 STATS
14-8-2, 2.59, .915

Excellent backup numbers and plenty of experience. Could even be a starter in a pinch.

14 JAKUB DOBES

GAA 2.76 SP .906

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $965,000

POS G **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
7-4-3, 2.74, .909

He was surprisingly good in a limited role, establishing himself as the top backup.

30 LUKAS DOSTAL

GAA 2.43 SP .906

ANAHEIM | CAP HIT: $6,500,000

POS G **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
23-23-7, 3.10, .903

After the John Gibson trade, he's the undisputed No. 1 in the Anaheim net.

26 SAMUEL ERSSON

GAA 3.02 SP .895

PHILADELPHIA | CAP HIT: $1,450,000

POS G **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
22-17-5, 3.14, .883

Not one of Philly's goalies has been effective, but he's the best of the bunch for now.

16 ANTON FORSBERG

GAA 2.67 SP .902

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $1,250,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
11-12-3, 2.72, .901

Decent backup, but nothing to get excited about. He's been mediocre the past three years.

26 JOHN GIBSON

GAA 2.71 SP .906

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $6,400,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
11-11-2, 2.77, .911

Has a chance to turn an up-and-down career up again with a new start in Detroit.

16 JET GREAVES

GAA 2.76 SP .908

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $812,500

POS G **AGE** 24
2024-25 AHL STATS
21-11-10, 2.62, .920

A sensational end-of-season run and overall excellent play will guarantee him a spot.

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GRUBAUER–MARKSTROM

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

10

GAA 3.21 SP .895

PHILIPP **GRUBAUER**

SEATTLE | CAP HIT: $5,900,000

POS G **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
8-17-1, 3.49, .875

Big contract, big mistake for a struggling goalie who is barely backup caliber these days.

32

GAA 2.62 SP .911

FILIP **GUSTAVSSON**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $3,750,000

POS G **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
31-19-6, 2.56, .914

Fifty-plus games, 30-plus wins and a save percentage of .910 or better. Everything you want.

43

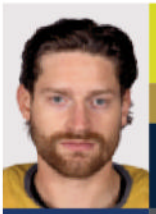
GAA 2.07 SP .922

CONNOR **HELLEBUYCK**

WINNIPEG | CAP HIT: $8,500,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
47-12-3, 2.00, .925

Vezina winner for the third time, but poor playoffs may mean they give him more rest.



35

GAA 2.25 SP .909

ADIN **HILL**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $6,250,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
32-13-5, 2.47, .906

Performed well in his first season as an undisputed No. 1 to prove he can handle the load.

19

GAA 2.31 SP .907

JOEL **HOFER**

ST. LOUIS | CAP HIT: $3,400,000

POS G **AGE** 25
2024-25 STATS
16-8-3, 2.64, .904

A top backup who has the potential to be a No. 1 at some point in the near future.

25

GAA 2.96 SP .900

TRISTAN **JARRY**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $5,375,000

POS G **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
16-12-6, 3.12, .892

A rebound is possible, but it's not worth betting on. He could be sent to the minors again.

26

GAA 2.97 SP .903

SPENCER **KNIGHT**

CHICAGO | CAP HIT: $4,500,000

POS G **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
17-16-3, 2.72, .901

The No. 1 Chicago goalie for years to come. His numbers will improve as the team does.

22

GAA 2.58 SP .901

PYOTR **KOCHETKOV**

CAROLINA | CAP HIT: $2,000,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
27-16-3, 2.60, .897

Call him a backup, but with how often Andersen gets injured, he's more like a 1A.

12

GAA 2.98 SP .902

JOONAS **KORPISALO**

BOSTON | CAP HIT: $4,000,000

POS G **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
11-10-3, 2.90, .893

He wants out of Boston, but it's hard to get excited about such weak numbers.

34

GAA 2.33 SP .915

DARCY **KUEMPER**

LOS ANGELES | CAP HIT: $5,250,000

POS G **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
31-11-7, 2.02, .921

One of the league's top goalies last year across the board. Look for more of the same.

18

GAA 2.68 SP .903

KEVIN **LANKINEN**

VANCOUVER | CAP HIT: $4,500,000

POS G **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
25-15-10, 2.62, .902

Stepped up as Vancouver's No. 1 last year and got the job done, but better suited as a 1B.

17

GAA 2.78 SP .901

CHARLIE **LINDGREN**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $3,000,000

POS G **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
20-14-3, 2.73, .894

Was 1A to start the season, but he fell to No. 2 by the playoffs. Look for less sharing this year.

25

GAA 2.88 SP .904

UKKO-PEKKA **LUUKKONEN**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $4,750,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
24-24-5, 3.20, .887

Goalies are good at having rebound seasons, and Luukkonen is a candidate for that.

14

GAA 2.94 SP .903

ALEX **LYON**

BUFFALO | CAP HIT: $1,500,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
14-9-1, 2.81, .896

An experienced backup gives Devon Levi more time to develop in the minors.

27

GAA 2.55 SP .906

JACOB **MARKSTROM**

NEW JERSEY | CAP HIT: $6,000,000

POS G **AGE** 35
2024-25 STATS
26-16-6, 2.50, .900

Numbers go up and down, but he's spent years as a No. 1 averaging more than 50 games.

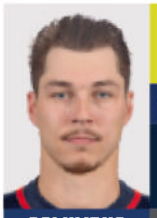
13
GAA 2.45 SP .912

LEEVI **MERILAINEN**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $1,050,000

POS G **AGE** 23
2024-25 AHL STATS
18-12-7, 2.37, .913

Stepped in as an injury replacement last year and was great. Has earned backup role.



27
GAA 2.99 SP .901

ELVIS **MERZLIKINS**

COLUMBUS | CAP HIT: $5,400,000

POS G **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
26-21-5, 3.18, .892

Hasn't played well in recent years, and he is now in real danger of losing his No. 1 role.

29
GAA 2.83 SP .904

SAM **MONTEMBEAULT**

MONTREAL | CAP HIT: $3,150,000

POS G **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
31-24-7, 2.82, .902

He's the clear cut No. 1, but he only played so often out of necessity. Not the case this year.

12
GAA 2.68 SP .901

PETR **MRAZEK**

ANAHEIM | CAP HIT: $4,250,000

POS G **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
12-21-2, 3.35, .891

Average NHL goalie becomes an average NHL backup after trade to Anaheim.

12
GAA 3.23 SP .901

ALEX **NEDELJKOVIC**

SAN JOSE | CAP HIT: $2,500,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
14-15-5, 3.12, .894

He's been around the block a couple times, so he can handle the backup role just fine.

35
GAA 2.63 SP .908

JAKE **OETTINGER**

DALLAS | CAP HIT: $8,250,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
36-18-4, 2.59, .909

At least 35 wins in each of the past three years, with good numbers across the board.

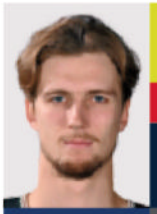
20
GAA 2.65 SP .902

CALVIN **PICKARD**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $1,000,000

POS G **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
22-10-1, 2.71, .900

A good choice if you draft him in a backup spot because he can take over as No. 1 at times.



16
GAA 2.85 SP .905

IVAN **PROSVETOV**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $900,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 KHL STATS
20-16-2, 2.32, .920

A year away in the KHL may help improve numbers from previous North American play.

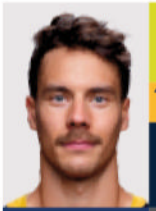
10
GAA 2.89 SP .902

JONATHAN **QUICK**

NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $1,550,000

POS G **AGE** 39
2024-25 STATS
11-7-2, 3.17, .893

Will turn 40 this season. Was once a good backup choice, but not so much anymore.



30
GAA 2.89 SP .903

JUUSE **SAROS**

NASHVILLE | CAP HIT: $7,740,000

POS G **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
20-31-6, 2.98, .896

His worst statistical season was the fault of the team. Doesn't look like there's relief in sight.

15
GAA 2.67 SP .902

AKIRA **SCHMID**

VEGAS | CAP HIT: $875,000

POS G **AGE** 25
2024-25 AHL STATS
9-18-4, 3.58, .886

He should get the backup role, but how many games that equates to is up in the air.

33
GAA 2.56 SP .910

IGOR **SHESTERKIN**

NY RANGERS | CAP HIT: $11,500,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
27-29-5, 2.86, .905

One of the best despite tough 2024-25. He'll bounce back, but wins are tougher to get.

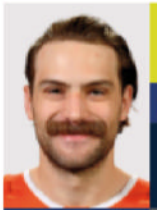
15
GAA 2.77 SP .907

ARTURS **SILOVS**

PITTSBURGH | CAP HIT: $850,000

POS G **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
2-6-1, 3.65, .861

AHL playoff MVP a good late-round pick with potential to eventually rise above backup.



27
GAA 2.72 SP .901

STUART **SKINNER**

EDMONTON | CAP HIT: $2,600,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
26-18-4, 2.81, .896

You should avoid as a No. 1 choice. As soon as he goes cold, Pickard jumps in.

27
GAA 2.88 SP .906

ILYA **SOROKIN**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $8,250,000

POS G **AGE** 30
2024-25 STATS
30-24-6, 2.71, .907

Averaging 58 games played across the past four years helps make up his win deficit.

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STOLARZ-WOLL

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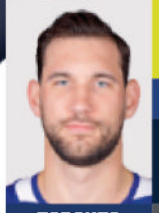

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GAA 2.23 SP .921

ANTHONY **STOLARZ**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $2,500,000

POS G **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
21-8-3, 2.14, .926

Excellent goalie, but some of his stats take a hit because he shares time with Joseph Woll.

28

GAA 2.78 SP .905

JEREMY **SWAYMAN**

BOSTON | CAP HIT: $8,250,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
22-29-7, 3.11, .892

Last season couldn't have gone much worse for him. This year will surely be better.

15

GAA 2.88 SP .902

CAM **TALBOT**

DETROIT | CAP HIT: $2,500,000

POS G **AGE** 38
2024-25 STATS
21-19-5, 2.93, .901

At 38, he's still playing a significant amount of time and still getting the job done.

13

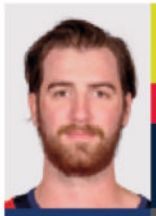
GAA 2.88 SP .900

DANIIL **TARASOV**

FLORIDA | CAP HIT: $1,050,000

POS G **AGE** 26
2024-25 STATS
7-10-2, 3.54, .881

Biggest/only asset is his size, but even that doesn't matter because he won't play much.



30

GAA 2.61 SP .907

LOGAN **THOMPSON**

WASHINGTON | CAP HIT: $5,850,000

POS G **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
31-6-6, 2.49, .910

Pretty much shared the net with Lindgren last season, but he'll see more action this year.

32

GAA 2.51 SP .911

LINUS **ULLMARK**

OTTAWA | CAP HIT: $8,250,000

POS G **AGE** 32
2024-25 STATS
25-14-3, 2.72, .910

His first season away from Boston proved he was a No. 1 goalie in his own right.

14

GAA 2.89 SP .900

VITEK **VANECEK**

UTAH | CAP HIT: $1,500,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
5-14-4, 3.62, .884

Fresh off a Stanley Cup, albeit with little involvement, he has transitioned to a backup role.

16

GAA 2.92 SP .904

SEMYON **VARLAMOV**

NY ISLANDERS | CAP HIT: $2,750,000

POS G **AGE** 37
2024-25 STATS
3-4-3, 2.89, .889

He missed most of last season but says he'll be ready to start the upcoming campaign.

37

GAA 2.22 SP .918

ANDREI **VASILEVSKIY**

TAMPA BAY | CAP HIT: $9,500,000

POS G **AGE** 31
2024-25 STATS
38-20-5, 2.18, .921

Seven seasons of 50-plus starts and 30 wins. Only Hellebuyck should go earlier.

27

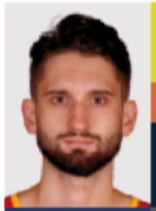
GAA 2.51 SP .905

KAREL **VEJMELKA**

UTAH | CAP HIT: $4,750,000

POS G **AGE** 29
2024-25 STATS
26-22-8, 2.58, .904

Fifty-plus games in three of four years. More wins should come with Utah improving.



16

GAA 2.97 SP .900

DAN **VLADAR**

PHILADELPHIA | CAP HIT: $3,350,000

POS G **AGE** 28
2024-25 STATS
12-11-6, 2.80, .898

His stats as a backup haven't been good, but Philly's starters haven't been good either.

13

GAA 2.98 SP .901

JESPER **WALLSTEDT**

MINNESOTA | CAP HIT: $2,200,000

POS G **AGE** 22
2024-25 AHL STATS
9-14-5, 3.59, .879

He's coming off a poor minor-league season but has earned the right to replace Fleury.

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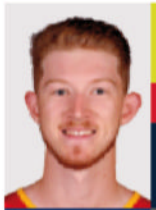
GAA 2.33 SP .911

SCOTT **WEDGEWOOD**

COLORADO | CAP HIT: $1,500,000

POS G **AGE** 33
2024-25 STATS
14-6-2, 2.32, .908

A career backup who knows his role and gets the job done. No more, no less.



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GAA 2.65 SP .908

DUSTIN **WOLF**

CALGARY | CAP HIT: $850,000

POS G **AGE** 24
2024-25 STATS
29-16-8, 2.64, .910

Last year's top rookie goalie established himself as Calgary's No. 1 for a decade-plus.

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GAA 2.58 SP .910

JOSEPH **WOLL**

TORONTO | CAP HIT: $3,666,667

POS G **AGE** 27
2024-25 STATS
27-14-1, 2.73, .909

He's a 1B goalie, playing second fiddle to Stolarz but still getting plenty of net time.

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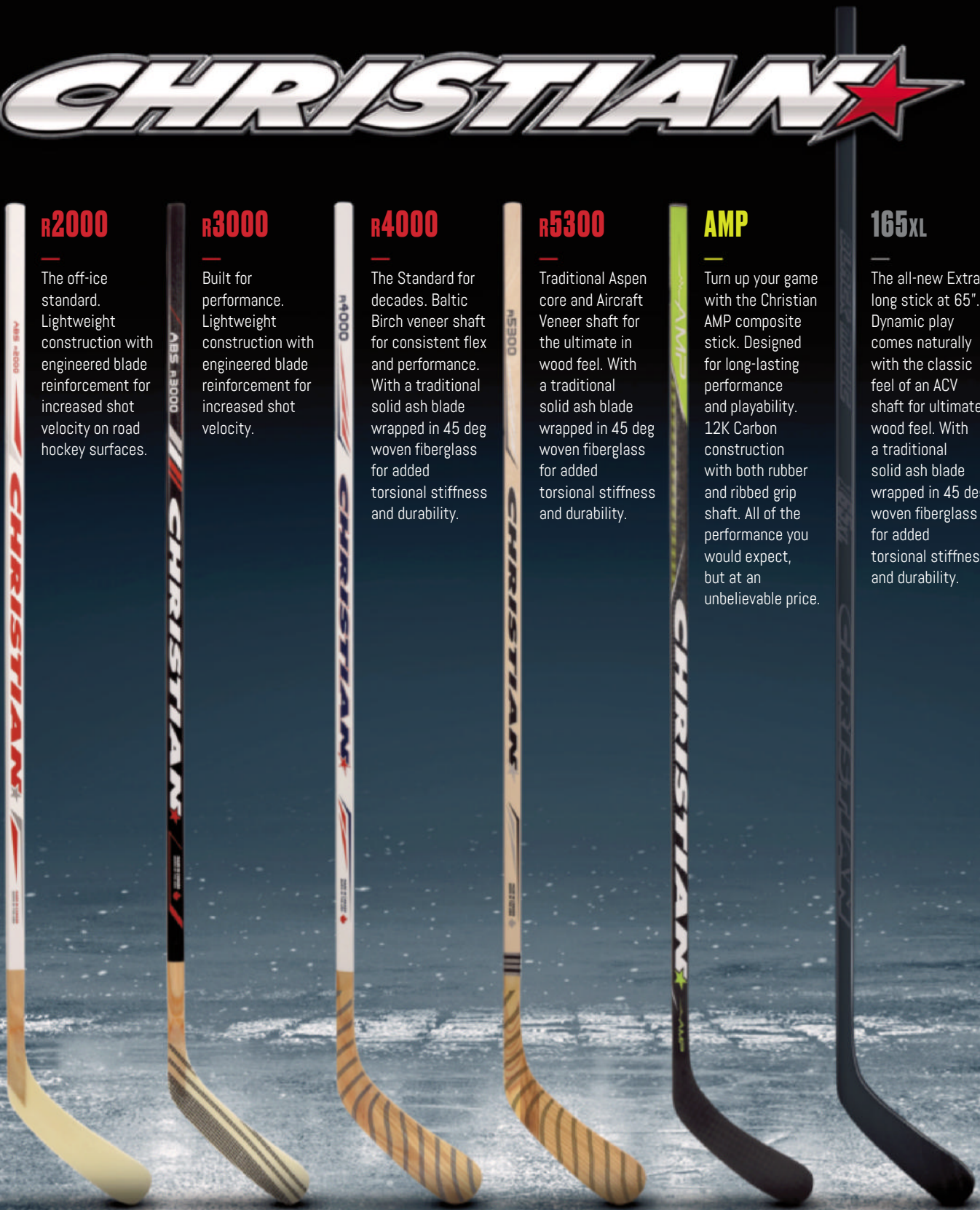

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NHL CHECKLIST

Skater and goalie projections for 2025-26 are provided by fantasy expert Murray Townsend. Projections for more than 600 skaters are in NHL team previews on the Points-O-Meter

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
		(DEFENSEMAN)				
1.	Connor McDavid, Edm		78	45	82	127
2.	Nathan MacKinnon, Col		80	43	80	123
3.	Nikita Kucherov, TB		80	41	82	123
4.	David Pastrnak, Bos		82	52	63	115
5.	Leon Draisaitl, Edm		80	55	55	110
6.	Kirill Kaprizov, Min		78	50	59	109
7.	Mitch Marner, Veg		80	25	78	103
8.	Artemi Panarin, NYR		81	35	65	100
9.	Cale Makar, Col	D	79	27	70	97
10.	Jack Eichel, Veg		75	35	61	96
11.	Auston Matthews, Tor		78	50	45	95
12.	Jack Hughes, NJ		77	37	58	95
13.	Sidney Crosby, Pit		80	35	56	91
14.	Brayden Point, TB		78	45	45	90
15.	Nick Suzuki, Mtl		82	35	55	90
16.	Matthew Tkachuk, Fla		78	32	58	90
17.	Jesper Bratt, NJ		82	25	65	90
18.	William Nylander, Tor		82	40	48	88
19.	Robert Thomas, StL		77	25	63	88
20.	Quinn Hughes, Van	D	78	15	73	88
21.	Mikko Rantanen, Dal		80	36	51	87
22.	Clayton Keller, Uth		80	35	52	87
23.	Sebastian Aho, Car		78	35	50	85
24.	Brandon Hagel, TB		82	33	52	85
25.	Dylan Strome, Wsh		82	30	55	85
26.	Lucas Raymond, Det		82	32	52	84
27.	Tim Stutzle, Ott		80	30	53	83
28.	Sam Reinhart, Fla		80	41	41	82
29.	Connor Bedard, Chi		80	31	51	82
30.	Jason Robertson, Dal		82	38	43	81
31.	Kyle Connor, Wpg		80	35	46	81
32.	J.T. Miller, NYR		80	31	50	81
33.	Elias Pettersson, Van		80	30	51	81
34.	Jake Guentzel, TB		80	40	40	80
35.	Filip Forsberg, Nsh		80	35	45	80
36.	Mark Scheifele, Wpg		80	35	45	80
37.	Tage Thompson, Buf		78	48	30	78

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
		(DEFENSEMAN)				
38.	Cole Caufield, Mtl		82	40	38	78
39.	Aleksander Barkov, Fla		70	23	55	78
40.	Evan Bouchard, Edm	D	81	15	61	76
41.	Alex DeBrincat, Det		82	40	35	75
42.	Martin Necas, Col		78	30	45	75
43.	Adrian Kempe, LA		80	37	37	74
44.	Logan Cooley, Uth		78	31	43	74
45.	Rasmus Dahlin, Buf	D	80	21	53	74
46.	Troy Terry, Ana		75	34	38	72
47.	Matvei Michkov, Phi		80	32	40	72
48.	Travis Konecny, Phi		80	30	42	72
49.	Alex Tuch, Buf		78	35	36	71
50.	Nico Hischier, NJ		75	33	38	71
51.	Matt Boldy, Min		80	30	41	71
52.	Adam Fox, NYR	D	78	15	56	71
53.	Seth Jarvis, Car		80	35	35	70
54.	Wyatt Johnston, Dal		82	35	35	70
55.	Brady Tkachuk, Ott		78	35	35	70
56.	Jordan Kyrou, StL		82	35	35	70
57.	Nazem Kadri, Cgy		82	34	36	70
58.	Dylan Larkin, Det		80	32	38	70
59.	Drake Batherson, Ott		82	30	40	70
60.	Matt Duchene, Dal		78	28	42	70
61.	Macklin Celebrini, SJ		80	28	42	70
62.	Mika Zibanejad, NYR		81	25	45	70
63.	Adam Fantilli, Clb		80	35	33	68
64.	John Tavares, Tor		80	33	35	68
65.	Alex Ovechkin, Wsh		75	37	30	67
66.	Mason McTavish, Ana		76	32	35	67
67.	Matthew Knies, Tor		78	32	35	67
68.	Gabriel Vilardi, Wpg		76	31	36	67
69.	Josh Morrissey, Wpg	D	80	15	52	67
70.	Andrei Svechnikov, Car		76	31	35	66
71.	Joel Eriksson Ek, Min		75	31	34	65
72.	Roope Hintz, Dal		78	30	35	65
73.	Dylan Cozens, Ott		80	30	35	65
74.	Dylan Guenther, Uth		75	30	35	65

SKATERS

PROJECTED TOTALS

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
75.	Anze Kopitar, LA		81	25	40	65
76.	Trevor Zegras, Phi		75	24	41	65
77.	Mat Barzal, NYI		76	20	45	65
78.	Victor Hedman, TB	D	77	12	53	65
79.	Kevin Fiala, LA		80	33	31	64
80.	Dylan Holloway, StL		80	31	33	64
81.	Quinton Byfield, LA		81	28	36	64
82.	Vincent Trocheck, NYR		82	23	41	64
83.	Cole Perfetti, Wpg		78	23	41	64
84.	Pierre-Luc Dubois, Wsh		81	23	41	64
85.	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Edm		80	22	42	64
86.	Shane Wright, Sea		80	26	37	63
87.	Zach Werenski, Clb	D	80	18	45	63
88.	William Eklund, SJ		75	18	45	63
89.	Tomas Hertl, Veg		77	30	32	62
90.	JJ Peterka, Uth		77	27	35	62
91.	Kent Johnson, Clb		77	25	37	62
92.	Jake Sanderson, Ott		81	16	46	62
93.	Jonathan Marchessault, Nsh		78	26	35	61
94.	Nikolaj Ehlers, Car		75	25	36	61
95.	Jonathan Huberdeau, Cgy		81	25	36	61
96.	Pavel Buchnevich, StL		78	23	38	61
97.	Nick Schmaltz, Uth		77	21	40	61
98.	Bo Horvat, NYI		81	30	30	60
99.	Carter Verhaeghe, Fla		80	26	34	60
100.	Danila Yurov, Min		78	26	34	60
101.	Juraj Slafkovsky, Mtl		80	25	35	60
102.	Ryan O'Reilly, Nsh		77	25	35	60
103.	Jared McCann, Sea		80	25	35	60
104.	Teuvo Teravainen, Chi		81	20	40	60
105.	Mikael Granlund, Ana		77	15	45	60
106.	Roman Josi, Nsh	D	70	15	44	59
107.	Lane Hutson, Mtl	D	80	8	51	59
108.	Brock Nelson, Col		81	27	31	58
109.	Ivan Demidov, Mtl		80	24	34	58
110.	Tyler Toffoli, SJ		78	32	25	57
111.	Timo Meier, NJ		80	28	29	57
112.	Kirill Marchenko, Clb		78	27	30	57
113.	Gabriel Landeskog, Col		59	25	32	57
114.	Sean Monahan, Clb		65	22	35	57
115.	Shea Theodore, Veg	D	72	10	47	57
116.	Pavel Dorofeyev, Veg		80	33	23	56
117.	Brad Marchand, Fla		74	25	31	56
118.	Bryan Rust, Pit		72	25	31	56
119.	Aliaksei Protas, Wsh		78	25	31	56
120.	Connor McMichael, Wsh		80	23	33	56
121.	Morgan Frost, Cgy		79	21	35	56
122.	Alexis Lafreniere, NYR		82	25	30	55
123.	Anthony Cirelli, TB		78	25	30	55

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	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
124.	Mason Marchment, Sea		72	23	32	55
125.	Patrick Kane, Det		70	20	35	55
126.	Evgeni Malkin, Pit		72	20	35	55
127.	Brock Boeser, Van		76	26	28	54
128.	Leo Carlsson, Ana		78	24	30	54
129.	Barrett Hayton, Uth		80	24	30	54
130.	Marco Kasper, Det		80	23	31	54
131.	Will Smith, SJ		78	23	31	54
132.	Elias Lindholm, Bos		80	21	33	54
133.	Jack Quinn, Buf		78	21	33	54
134.	Jimmy Snuggerud, StL		78	21	33	54
135.	Matty Beniers, Sea		80	23	30	53
136.	Shayne Gostisbehere, Car	D	78	10	43	53
137.	Erik Karlsson, Pit	D	82	10	43	53
138.	Matt Coronato, Cgy		80	27	25	52
139.	Ivan Barbashev, Veg		75	25	27	52
140.	Frank Nazar, Chi		80	24	28	52
141.	Rickard Rakell, Pit		78	21	31	52
142.	Pavel Zacha, Bos		80	18	34	52
143.	Mark Stone, Veg		70	17	35	52
144.	Mikhail Sergachev, Uth	D	78	10	42	52
145.	Sam Bennett, Fla		74	26	25	51
146.	Chandler Stephenson, Sea		77	15	36	51
147.	Miro Heiskanen, Dal	D	75	10	41	51
148.	Cutter Gauthier, Ana		80	25	25	50
149.	Steven Stamkos, Nsh		81	25	25	50
150.	Owen Tippett, Phi		78	25	25	50

SKATERS

PROJECTED TOTALS

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
151.	Simon Holmstrom, NYI		75	23	27	50
152.	Will Cuylle, NYR		81	23	27	50
153.	Arseniy Gritsyuk, NJ		78	22	28	50
154.	Logan Stankoven, Car		80	21	29	50
155.	Marco Rossi, Min		78	20	30	50
156.	Sean Couturier, Phi		78	18	32	50
157.	Claude Giroux, Ott		80	12	38	50
158.	Vince Dunn, Sea	D	71	12	38	50
159.	Morgan Geekie, Bos		77	26	23	49
160.	Evander Kane, Van		70	25	24	49
161.	Tom Wilson, Wsh		75	25	24	49
162.	Tyler Seguin, Dal		78	24	25	49
163.	Conor Garland, Van		81	20	29	49
164.	William Karlsson, Veg		75	15	34	49
165.	Moritz Seider, Det	D	82	9	40	49
166.	John Carlson, Wsh	D	78	6	43	49
167.	Jake DeBrusk, Van		80	25	23	48
168.	Frank Vatrano, Ana		81	24	24	48
169.	Jake Neighbours, StL		80	24	24	48
170.	Anton Lundell, Fla		78	19	29	48
171.	Thomas Harley, Dal	D	78	15	33	48
172.	Brandon Montour, Sea	D	80	15	33	48
173.	Seth Jones, Fla	D	72	13	35	48
174.	Morgan Rielly, Tor	D	80	7	41	48
175.	Zach Hyman, Edm		78	25	22	47
176.	Kyle Palmieri, NYI		80	23	24	47
177.	Andrei Kuzmenko, LA		75	22	25	47
178.	Oliver Bjorkstrand, TB		81	20	27	47
179.	Michael Misa, SJ		78	17	30	47
180.	Dougie Hamilton, NJ	D	72	12	35	47
181.	Matthew Schaefer, NYI	D	80	8	39	47
182.	Josh Norris, Buf		68	24	22	46
183.	Anders Lee, NYI		81	23	23	46
184.	Warren Foegele, LA		82	22	24	46
185.	Mats Zuccarello, Min		72	21	25	46
186.	Phillip Danault, LA		80	15	31	46
187.	Zayne Parekh, Cgy	D	78	12	34	46
188.	Owen Power , Buf	D	80	11	35	46
189.	Devon Toews, Col	D	78	11	35	46
190.	Boone Jenner, Clb		68	25	20	45
191.	Patrik Laine, Mtl		65	23	22	45
192.	Casey Mittelstadt, Bos		80	15	30	45
193.	Jamie Benn, Dal		81	15	30	45
194.	Noah Dobson, Mtl	D	77	10	35	45
195.	Filip Hronek, Van	D	80	7	38	45
196.	Tyler Bertuzzi, Chi		80	22	22	44
197.	Alex Laferriere, LA		80	22	22	44
198.	Brett Howden, Veg		76	22	22	44
199.	Jason Zucker, Buf		74	20	24	44

DMITRI VORONKOV

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
200.	Dmitri Voronkov, Clb		78	20	24	44
201.	Bobby Brink, Phi		80	14	30	44
202.	Trevor Moore, LA		77	20	23	43
203.	Jack Roslovic, UFA		80	20	23	43
204.	Cole Sillinger, Clb		78	18	25	43
205.	Kaapo Kakko, Sea		75	15	28	43
206.	Maxim Tsyplakov, NYI		78	13	30	43
207.	Charlie McAvoy, Bos	D	70	10	33	43
208.	Dawson Mercer, NJ		82	20	22	42
209.	Jaden Schwartz, Sea		72	20	22	42
210.	Taylor Hall, Car		70	19	23	42
211.	Mackie Samoskevich, Fla		78	18	24	42
212.	Yegor Sharangovich, Cgy		77	17	25	42
213.	Luke Evangelista, Nsh		80	15	27	42
214.	Jakob Chychrun, Wsh	D	78	15	27	42
215.	Thomas Chabot, Ott	D	75	10	32	42
216.	Brandt Clarke, LA	D	79	9	33	42
217.	Artturi Lehkonen, Col		75	23	18	41
218.	Shane Pinto, Ott		78	22	19	41
219.	Brandon Saad, Veg		78	21	20	41
220.	Michael Bunting, Nsh		78	20	21	41
221.	Ryan Donato, Chi		75	18	23	41
222.	Blake Coleman, Cgy		81	17	24	41
223.	Andrew Mangiapane, Edm		80	16	25	41
224.	Brayden Schenn, StL		82	15	26	41
225.	Easton Cowan, Tor		72	14	27	41
226.	Jonathan Drouin, NYI		60	13	28	41

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SKATERS

PROJECTED TOTALS

	PLAYER	D	GP	G	A	PTS
227.	Ryan Strome, Ana		81	11	30	41
228.	Sam Rinzel, Chi	D	80	7	34	41
229.	Viktor Arvidsson, Bos		78	20	20	40
230.	Valeri Nichushkin, Col		55	20	20	40
231.	Nick Paul, TB		78	20	20	40
232.	Connor Zary, Cgy		72	18	22	40
233.	Joel Farabee, Cgy		82	17	23	40
234.	Ryan McLeod, Buf		80	15	25	40
235.	Zach Benson, Buf		77	15	25	40
236.	Jonathan Toews, Wpg		70	15	25	40
237.	Rutger McGroarty, Pit		75	14	26	40
238.	Jordan Eberle, Sea		77	14	26	40
239.	Maxim Shabanov, NYI		80	13	27	40
240.	Jean-Gabriel Pageau, NYI		77	12	28	40
241.	Bowen Byram, Buf	D	80	10	30	40
242.	Luke Hughes, NJ	D	80	8	32	40
243.	Tony DeAngelo, NYI	D	75	8	32	40
244.	Charlie Coyle, Clb		82	18	21	39
245.	Ryan Hartman, Min		78	17	22	39
246.	Anthony Duclair, NYI		65	17	22	39
247.	Noah Cates, Phi		80	15	24	39
248.	Olen Zellweger, Ana	D	80	12	27	39
249.	Simon Edvinsson, Det	D	80	12	27	39
250.	Brady Skjei, Nsh	D	81	12	27	39
251.	Drew Doughty, LA	D	78	8	31	39
252.	Aaron Ekblad, Fla	D	70	7	32	39
253.	Chris Kreider, Ana		72	23	15	38
254.	Bobby McMann, Tor		75	23	15	38
255.	Jiri Kulich, Buf		78	22	16	38
256.	Sam Colangelo, Ana		78	20	18	38
257.	Zack Bolduc, Mtl		79	18	20	38
258.	Evan Rodrigues, Fla		80	15	23	38
259.	Kirby Dach, Mtl		74	15	23	38
260.	Fabian Zetterlund, Ott		80	15	23	38
261.	Reilly Smith, Veg		77	15	23	38
262.	Vladislav Namestnikov, Wpg		78	11	27	38
263.	Max Domi, Tor		78	10	28	38
264.	Zeev Buium, Min	D	70	7	31	38
265.	Alex Killorn, Ana		82	18	19	37
266.	Nick Robertson, Tor		75	18	19	37
267.	Alexander Kerfoot, Uth		82	12	25	37
268.	Gustav Nyquist, Wpg		75	12	25	37
269.	Neal Pionk, Wpg	D	80	10	27	37
270.	MacKenzie Weegar, Cgy	D	81	7	30	37
271.	Nino Niederreiter, Wpg		78	18	18	36
272.	Isaac Howard, Edm		72	16	20	36
273.	Pius Suter, StL		76	15	21	36
274.	Jesperi Kotkaniemi, Car		77	14	22	36
275.	Stefan Noesen, NJ		80	14	22	36
276.	Colton Parayko, StL	D	78	14	22	36
277.	Andre Burakovsky, Chi		73	12	24	36
278.	Mattias Ekholm, Edm	D	77	10	26	36
279.	Jamie Drysdale, Phi	D	78	10	26	36
280.	Jordan Martinook, Car		81	15	20	35
281.	Tommy Novak, Pit		73	15	20	35
282.	Jake Evans, Mtl		82	14	21	35
283.	J.T. Compher, Det		74	13	22	35
284.	Vasily Podkolzin, Edm		80	12	23	35
285.	Mason Appleton, Det		75	14	20	34
286.	Ryan Poehling, Ana		75	13	21	34
287.	Zach L'Heureux, Nsh		77	12	22	34
288.	Yanni Gourde, TB		77	12	22	34
289.	Scott Laughton, Tor		78	12	22	34
290.	Alexander Wennberg, SJ		80	11	23	34
291.	Jackson LaCombe, Ana	D	78	10	24	34
292.	Matias Maccelli, Tor		75	10	24	34
293.	Brent Burns, Col	D	82	8	26	34
294.	Noah Hanifin, Veg	D	80	8	26	34
295.	K'Andre Miller, Car	D	78	7	27	34
296.	Darren Raddysh, TB	D	77	6	28	34
297.	Mikael Backlund, Cgy		81	15	18	33
298.	Ondrej Palat, NJ		75	15	18	33
299.	Evgenii Dadonov, NJ		73	15	18	33
300.	Fedor Svechkov, Nsh		72	15	18	33

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GOALIES

PROJECTED TOTALS

National HOCKEY LEAGUE

	PLAYER	W	L	OT	SO	SP	GAA
1.	Connor Hellebuyck, Wpg	43	14	5	7	.922	2.07
2.	Sergei Bobrovsky, Fla	39	17	4	5	.911	2.24
3.	Andrei Vasilevskiy, TB	37	20	5	5	.918	2.22
4.	Adin Hill, Veg	35	15	5	5	.909	2.25
5.	Jake Oettinger, Dal	35	15	6	3	.908	2.63
6.	Mackenzie Blackwood, Col	35	14	4	5	.908	2.41
7.	Darcy Kuemper, LA	34	15	5	5	.915	2.33
8.	Igor Shesterkin, NYR	33	24	5	5	.910	2.56
9.	Filip Gustavsson, Min	32	15	12	4	.911	2.62
10.	Linus Ullmark, Ott	32	19	6	4	.911	2.51
11.	Juuse Saros, Nsh	30	26	4	4	.903	2.89
12.	Logan Thompson, Wsh	30	16	5	3	.907	2.61
13.	Lukas Dostal, Ana	30	23	5	3	.906	2.43
14.	Joey Daccord, Sea	29	25	5	3	.907	2.65
15.	Sam Montembeault, Mtl	29	21	5	3	.904	2.83
16.	Jeremy Swayman, Bos	28	23	5	3	.905	2.78
17.	Dustin Wolf, Cgy	27	21	5	3	.908	2.65
18.	Elvis Merzlikins, Clb	27	21	5	2	.901	2.99
19.	Ilya Sorokin, NYI	27	22	6	3	.906	2.88
20.	Jacob Markstrom, NJ	27	18	5	4	.906	2.55
21.	Jordan Binnington, StL	27	20	3	3	.905	2.45
22.	Karel Vejmelka, Uth	27	22	5	2	.905	2.51
23.	Stuart Skinner, Edm	27	15	5	3	.901	2.72
24.	Anthony Stolarz, Tor	26	15	5	5	.921	2.23
25.	John Gibson, Det	26	20	5	2	.906	2.71
26.	Samuel Ersson, Phi	26	18	5	2	.895	3.02
27.	Spencer Knight, Chi	26	22	5	2	.903	2.97
28.	Thatcher Demko, Van	26	15	6	3	.910	2.34
29.	Tristan Jarry, Pit	25	23	5	1	.900	2.96
30.	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen, Buf	25	23	4	3	.904	2.88
31.	Frederik Andersen, Car	24	12	4	3	.905	2.25
32.	Yaroslav Askarov, SJ	23	25	5	2	.903	3.15
33.	Pyotr Kochetkov, Car	22	15	4	2	.901	2.58
34.	Calvin Pickard, Edm	20	12	3	2	.902	2.65
35.	Joseph Woll, Tor	20	13	3	3	.910	2.58
36.	Joel Hofer, StL	19	11	2	2	.907	2.31
37.	Kevin Lankinen, Van	18	12	3	2	.903	2.68
38.	Charlie Lindgren, Wsh	17	11	3	1	.901	2.78
39.	Jake Allen, NJ	17	12	3	1	.905	2.63
40.	Scott Wedgewood, Col	17	9	3	2	.911	2.33
41.	Anton Forsberg, LA	16	9	3	2	.902	2.67
42.	Dan Vladar, Phi	16	14	3	1	.900	2.97
43.	Ivan Prosvetov, Cgy	16	11	2	1	.905	2.85
44.	Jet Greaves, Clb	16	10	3	2	.908	2.76
45.	Semyon Varlamov, NYI	16	9	2	2	.904	2.92
46.	Akira Schmid, Veg	15	10	3	2	.902	2.67
47.	Arturs Silovs, Pit	15	12	2	2	.907	2.77
48.	Cam Talbot, Det	15	13	3	2	.902	2.88
49.	Casey DeSmith, Dal	15	8	3	2	.911	2.54
50.	Alex Lyon, Buf	14	13	3	1	.903	2.94
51.	Jakub Dobes, Mtl	14	10	3	1	.906	2.76
52.	Vitek Vanecek, Uth	14	12	2	1	.900	2.89
53.	Daniil Tarasov, Fla	13	7	2	1	.900	2.88
54.	Jesper Wallstedt, Min	13	8	2	1	.901	2.98
55.	Leevi Merilainen, Ott	13	9	3	2	.912	2.45
56.	Alex Nedeljkovic, SJ	12	14	3	1	.901	3.23
57.	Arvid Soderblom, Chi	12	14	3	1	.900	3.13
58.	Joonas Korpisalo, Bos	12	11	3	1	.902	2.98
59.	Petr Mrazek, Ana	12	9	3	1	.901	2.68
60.	Eric Comrie, Wpg	11	7	2	1	.911	2.48
61.	Jonas Johansson, TB	10	8	2	1	.901	2.98
62.	Jonathan Quick, NYR	10	8	2	2	.902	2.89
63.	Justus Annunen, Nsh	10	10	2	1	.896	3.23
64.	Philipp Grubauer, Sea	10	14	3	1	.895	3.21

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2024-25 FINAL STANDINGS

Total NHL Games: 1,312 Total NHL Goals: 7,978 NHL Avg. Goals/Game: 6.08

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	OVERALL										HOME								ROAD							
	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	GF	GA	P	PCT.	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GF	GA	P	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GF	GA	P
1. Washington	82	51	22	6	3	49	288	232	111	.677	41	26	9	4	2	153	119	58	41	25	13	2	1	135	113	53
2. Toronto	82	52	26	2	2	51	268	231	108	.659	41	27	13	0	1	129	104	55	41	25	13	2	1	139	127	53
3. Tampa Bay	82	47	27	5	3	45	294	219	102	.622	41	29	8	3	1	161	93	62	41	18	19	2	2	133	126	40
4. Carolina	82	47	30	2	3	47	266	233	99	.604	41	31	9	1	0	155	101	63	41	16	21	1	3	111	132	36
5. Florida	82	47	31	4	0	41	252	223	98	.598	41	27	12	2	0	130	99	56	41	20	19	2	0	122	124	42
6. Ottawa	82	45	30	5	2	44	243	234	97	.591	41	27	11	3	0	139	113	57	41	18	19	2	2	104	121	40
7. New Jersey	82	42	33	5	2	40	242	222	91	.555	41	19	17	3	2	118	113	43	41	23	16	2	0	124	109	48
.8 Montreal	82	40	31	7	4	38	245	265	91	.555	41	23	12	3	3	125	126	52	41	17	19	4	1	120	139	39
9. Columbus	82	40	33	8	1	34	273	268	89	.543	41	26	10	5	0	165	124	57	41	14	23	3	1	108	144	32
10. Detroit	82	39	35	8	0	36	238	259	86	.524	41	22	16	3	0	128	125	47	41	17	19	5	0	110	134	39
11. NY Rangers	82	39	36	7	0	38	256	255	85	.518	41	19	19	3	0	119	127	41	41	20	17	4	0	137	128	44
.12 NY Islanders	82	35	35	9	3	33	224	260	82	.500	41	19	17	4	1	115	131	43	41	16	18	5	2	109	129	39
13. Pittsburgh	82	34	36	6	6	33	243	293	80	.488	41	21	15	3	2	132	144	47	41	13	21	3	4	111	149	33
14. Buffalo	82	36	39	5	2	32	269	289	79	.482	41	23	15	2	1	144	134	49	41	13	24	3	1	125	155	30
15. Boston	82	33	39	9	1	33	222	272	76	.463	41	20	14	7	0	120	117	47	41	13	25	2	1	102	155	29
16. Philadelphia	82	33	39	7	3	27	238	286	76	.463	41	20	20	0	1	122	134	41	41	13	19	7	2	116	152	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	OVERALL										HOME								ROAD							
	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	GF	GA	P	PCT.	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GF	GA	P	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GF	GA	P
1. Winnipeg	82	56	22	3	1	54	277	191	116	.707	41	30	7	3	1	139	81	64	41	26	15	0	0	138	110	52
2. Vegas	82	50	22	5	5	49	275	219	110	.671	41	29	9	2	1	147	100	61	41	21	13	3	4	128	119	49
3. Dallas	82	50	26	4	2	48	277	224	106	.646	41	28	10	2	1	141	103	59	41	22	16	2	1	136	121	47
4. Los Angeles	82	48	25	6	3	47	250	206	105	.640	41	31	6	1	3	143	84	66	41	17	19	5	0	107	122	39
5. Colorado	82	49	29	1	3	45	277	234	102	.622	41	26	12	1	2	145	115	55	41	23	17	0	1	132	119	47
6. Edmonton	82	48	29	4	1	48	259	236	101	.616	41	25	13	2	1	134	121	53	41	23	16	2	0	125	115	48
7. Minnesota	82	45	30	4	3	42	228	239	97	.591	41	22	17	1	1	111	124	46	41	23	13	3	2	117	115	51
8. St. Louis	82	44	30	6	2	40	254	233	96	.585	41	24	14	2	1	134	110	51	41	20	16	4	1	120	123	45
9. Calgary	82	41	27	12	2	36	225	238	96	.585	41	23	12	5	1	122	113	52	41	18	15	7	1	103	125	44
10. Vancouver	82	38	30	12	2	35	236	253	90	.549	41	17	16	7	1	112	128	42	41	21	14	5	1	124	125	48
11. Utah	82	38	31	9	4	37	241	251	89	.543	41	18	15	4	4	118	119	44	41	20	16	5	0	123	132	45
12. Anaheim	82	35	37	8	2	31	221	263	80	.488	41	21	18	2	0	123	128	44	41	14	19	6	2	98	135	36
13. Seattle	82	35	41	3	3	33	247	265	76	.463	41	18	18	2	3	125	125	41	41	17	23	1	0	122	140	35
14. Nashville	82	30	44	8	0	28	214	274	68	.415	41	20	18	3	0	123	129	43	41	10	26	5	0	91	145	25
15. Chicago	82	25	46	7	4	23	226	296	61	.372	41	15	20	4	2	123	146	36	41	10	26	3	2	103	150	25
16. San Jose	82	20	50	7	5	18	210	315	52	.317	41	12	27	2	0	104	149	26	41	8	23	5	5	106	166	26

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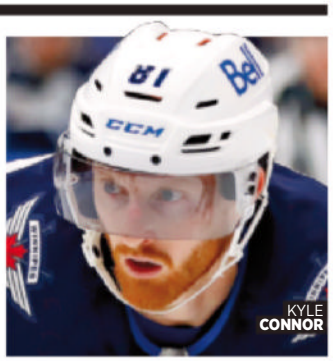
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TEAM PENALTIES

	PIM	BMI	AVG.
1. Vegas	463	6	5.6
2. NY Islanders	469	9	5.7
3. Detroit	557	5	6.8
4. Colorado	560	11	6.8
5. Pittsburgh	561	4	6.8
6. Dallas	572	8	7.0
7. Seattle	585	10	7.1
8. Winnipeg	593	5	7.2
9. Philadelphia	602	10	7.3
10. Edmonton	617	7	7.5
11. St. Louis	619	3	7.5
12. Minnesota	622	7	7.6
13. Los Angeles	642	8	7.8
14. Carolina	648	9	7.9
15. Toronto	654	8	8.0
16. Tampa Bay	666	8	8.1
17. Columbus	676	6	8.2
18. New Jersey	685	7	8.4
19. NY Rangers	687	14	8.4
20. Ottawa	696	12	8.5
21. Chicago	705	10	8.6
22. San Jose	715	10	8.7
23. Anaheim	731	7	8.9
24. Calgary	756	12	9.2
25. Vancouver	759	9	9.3
26. Montreal	760	6	9.3
27. Washington	779	14	9.5
28. Utah	789	9	9.6
29. Boston	801	5	9.8
30. Nashville	804	13	9.8
31. Buffalo	837	9	10.2
32. Florida	853	6	10.4

BMI: Bench penalty minutes
NHL PIM: 21,463

PENALTY KILL

	SH	PPGA	PCT.
1. Carolina	244	40	83.6
2. New Jersey	225	39	82.7
3. Vancouver	224	39	82.6
4. Washington	239	43	82.0
5. Dallas	228	41	82.0
6. Tampa Bay	206	38	81.6
7. Nashville	243	45	81.5
8. Los Angeles	237	44	81.4
9. Montreal	257	49	80.9
10. Florida	244	47	80.7
11. NY Rangers	239	47	80.3
12. Colorado	208	42	79.8
13. Winnipeg	199	41	79.4
14. Utah	251	52	79.3
15. Chicago	227	47	79.3
16. Edmonton	206	45	78.2
17. Toronto	235	52	77.9
18. Pittsburgh	216	48	77.8
19. Ottawa	229	51	77.7
20. Philadelphia	201	45	77.6
21. Seattle	193	44	77.2
22. Columbus	217	50	77.0
23. Buffalo	241	57	76.4
24. Boston	236	56	76.3
25. Calgary	226	54	76.1
26. Vegas	169	41	75.7
27. Anaheim	248	64	74.2
28. St. Louis	190	49	74.2
29. San Jose	256	66	74.2
30. Minnesota	203	56	72.4
31. NY Islanders	180	50	72.2
32. Detroit	184	55	70.1

SH: Shorthanded situations
PPGA: Power-play goals allowed
NHL Total SH: 7,101 **NHL PP Kills:** 5,564

POWER PLAY

	ADV	PPG	PCT.
1. Winnipeg	218	63	28.9
2. Vegas	187	53	28.3
3. New Jersey	216	61	28.2
4. Detroit	237	64	27.0
5. Tampa Bay	232	60	25.9
6. Pittsburgh	221	57	25.8
7. Chicago	189	47	24.9
8. Colorado	234	58	24.8
9. Toronto	218	54	24.8
10. Utah	236	57	24.2
11. Ottawa	269	64	23.8
12. Edmonton	215	51	23.7
13. Florida	238	56	23.5
14. Washington	221	52	23.5
15. Vancouver	222	50	22.5
16. St. Louis	195	43	22.1
17. Dallas	250	55	22.0
18. Nashville	228	50	21.9
19. Calgary	233	49	21.0
20. Minnesota	206	43	20.9
21. Montreal	234	47	20.1
22. Columbus	185	36	19.5
23. Seattle	227	43	18.9
24. Buffalo	229	43	18.8
25. Carolina	246	46	18.7
26. San Jose	226	42	18.6
27. Los Angeles	207	37	17.9
28. NY Rangers	210	37	17.6
29. Boston	230	35	15.2
30. Philadelphia	214	32	15.0
31. NY Islanders	207	26	12.6
32. Anaheim	221	26	11.8

Adv.: Advantages
PPG: Power-play goals
NHL PP: 7,101 **NHL PP goals:** 1,537

OVERALL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	P
1. Winnipeg	82	56	22	3	1	54	116
2. Washington	82	51	22	6	3	49	111
3. Vegas	82	50	22	5	5	49	110
4. Toronto	82	52	26	2	2	51	108
5. Dallas	82	50	26	4	2	48	106
6. Los Angeles	82	48	25	6	3	47	105
7. Tampa Bay	82	47	27	5	3	45	102
8. Colorado	82	49	29	1	3	45	102
9. Edmonton	82	48	29	4	1	48	101
10. Carolina	82	47	30	2	3	47	99
11. Florida	82	47	31	4	0	41	98
12. Ottawa	82	45	30	5	2	44	97
13. Minnesota	82	45	30	4	3	42	97
14. St. Louis	82	44	30	6	2	40	96
15. Calgary	82	41	27	12	2	36	96
16. New Jersey	82	42	33	5	2	40	91
17. Montreal	82	40	31	7	4	38	91
18. Vancouver	82	38	30	12	2	35	90
19. Utah	82	38	31	9	4	37	89
20. Columbus	82	40	33	8	1	34	89
21. Detroit	82	39	35	8	0	36	86
22. NY Rangers	82	39	36	7	0	38	85
23. NY Islanders	82	35	35	9	3	33	82
24. Pittsburgh	82	34	36	6	6	33	80
25. Anaheim	82	35	37	8	2	31	80
26. Buffalo	82	36	39	5	2	32	79
27. Seattle	82	35	41	3	3	33	76
28. Boston	82	33	39	9	1	33	76
29. Philadelphia	82	33	39	7	3	27	76
30. Nashville	82	30	44	8	0	28	68
31. Chicago	82	25	46	7	4	23	61
32. San Jose	82	20	50	7	5	18	52

DIVISION STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	P
1. Toronto	82	52	26	2	2	51	108
2. Tampa Bay	82	47	27	5	3	45	102
3. Florida	82	47	31	4	0	41	98
4. Ottawa	82	45	30	5	2	44	97
5. Montreal	82	40	31	7	4	38	91
6. Detroit	82	39	35	8	0	36	86
7. Buffalo	82	36	39	5	2	32	79
8. Boston	82	33	39	9	1	33	76

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	P
1. Washington	82	51	22	6	3	49	111
2. Carolina	82	47	30	2	3	47	99
3. New Jersey	82	42	33	5	2	40	91
4. Columbus	82	40	33	8	1	34	89
5. NY Rangers	82	39	36	7	0	38	85
6. NY Islanders	82	35	35	9	3	33	82
7. Pittsburgh	82	34	36	6	6	33	80
8. Philadelphia	82	33	39	7	3	27	76

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	P
1. Winnipeg	82	56	22	3	1	54	116
2. Dallas	82	50	26	4	2	48	106
3. Colorado	82	49	29	1	3	45	102
4. Minnesota	82	45	30	4	3	42	97
5. St. Louis	82	44	30	6	2	40	96
6. Utah	82	38	31	9	4	37	89
7. Nashville	82	30	44	8	0	28	68
8. Chicago	82	25	46	7	4	23	61

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	SO	ROW	P
1. Vegas	82	50	22	5	5	49	110
2. Los Angeles	82	48	25	6	3	47	105
3. Edmonton	82	48	29	4	1	48	101
4. Calgary	82	41	27	12	2	36	96
5. Vancouver	82	38	30	12	2	35	90
6. Anaheim	82	35	37	8	2	31	80
7. Seattle	82	35	41	3	3	33	76
8. San Jose	82	20	50	7	5	18	52

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

TEAM	2023-24	2024-25
1. Montreal	21,099	21,105
2. Detroit	18,980	19,345
3. Chicago	18,836	19,130
4. Tampa Bay	19,092	19,092
5. Florida	18,632	19,059
6. Columbus	17,016	18,935
7. Toronto	18,789	18,829
8. Vancouver	18,826	18,810
9. Carolina	18,798	18,795
10. Philadelphia	18,438	18,525
11. Minnesota	18,529	18,430
12. Dallas	18,532	18,392
13. Edmonton	19,173	18,347
14. Washington	17,841	18,244
15. Colorado	18,103	18,067
16. Vegas	18,139	17,975
17. NY Rangers	17,983	17,861
18. Boston	17,850	17,852
19. St. Louis	18,084	17,724
20. Calgary	17,501	17,655
21. Ottawa	17,580	17,306
22. Nashville	17,306	17,212
23. Los Angeles	17,945	17,196
24. Seattle	17,887	17,151
25. Pittsburgh	17,909	16,635
26. New Jersey	17,598	16,154
27. Buffalo	15,981	15,998
28. NY Islanders	18,099	15,979
29. Anaheim	15,687	15,806
30. Winnipeg	13,490	14,366
31. San Jose	13,559	14,219
32. Utah	N/A	11,131

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AWARD WINNERS & ALL-STARS

NHL AWARDS
Hart Trophy (most valuable player)
Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg
Ted Lindsay Award (MVP voted by players)
Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay
Art Ross Trophy (top scorer)
Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay
Maurice Richard Trophy (top goal-scorer)
Leon Draisaitl, Edmonton
Calder Trophy (rookie of the year)
Lane Hutson, Montreal
Norris Trophy (outstanding defenseman)
Cale Makar, Colorado
Vezina Trophy (outstanding goaltender)
Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg
Lady Byng Trophy (most sportsmanlike)
Anze Kopitar, Los Angeles
Selke Trophy (best defensive forward)
Aleksander Barkov, Florida
Jack Adams Award (coach of the year)
Spencer Carbery, Washington
Jennings Trophy (lowest GAA)
Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg
Conn Smythe Trophy (playoff MVP)
Sam Bennett, Florida
Masterton Trophy (perseverance)
Sean Monahan, Columbus
King Clancy Trophy (humanitarian)
Aleksander Barkov, Florida

FIRST-TEAM ALL-STARS
C Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado
LW Kyle Connor, Winnipeg
RW Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay
D Cale Makar, Colorado
D Zach Werenski, Columbus
G Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg

SECOND-TEAM ALL-STARS
C Leon Draisaitl, Edmonton
LW Brandon Hagel, Tampa Bay
RW David Pastrnak, Boston
D Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay
D Quinn Hughes, Vancouver
G Andrei Vasilevskiy, Tampa Bay

THE HOCKEY NEWS AWARDS
Most Valuable Player
Leon Draisaitl, Edmonton
Best Player
Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado
Best Defenseman
Cale Makar, Colorado
Best Goaltender
Connor Hellebuyck, Winnipeg
Best Rookie
Lane Hutson, Montreal
Best Defensive Defenseman
Jaccob Slavin, Carolina
Comeback Player
Darcy Kuemper, Los Angeles
Breakout Player
Dylan Holloway, St. Louis
Toughest Player
Mathieu Olivier, Columbus
Top Penalty-Killer
Jaccob Slavin, Carolina
Best Coach
Spencer Carbery, Washington
Best General Manager
Bill Zito, Florida

AWARD & ALL-STAR VOTING

NHL AWARDS VOTING

HART TROPHY 1. Connor Hellebuyck, WPG 1,346 (81-45-30-22-5) 2. Leon Draisaitl, EDM 1,209 (53-58-38-25-8) 3. Nikita Kucherov, TB 973 (25-40-51-59-11) 4. Nathan MacKinnon, COL 972 (27-33-62-50-11) 5. Jack Eichel, VEG 150 (2-3-6-10-49) 6. Cale Makar, COL 108 (0-7-2-10-19) 7. Zach Werenski, CLB 45 (1-1-0-3-19) 8. Alex Ovechkin, WSH 38 (1-1-0-2-15) 9. Nick Suzuki, MTL 26 (1-1-0-0-9) 10. Connor McDavid, EDM 26 (0-1-0-4-7)

CALDER TROPHY 1. Lane Hutson, MTL 1832 (165-26-0-0-0) 2. Dustin Wolf, CGY 1169 (15-96-59-17-1) 3. Macklin Celebrini, SJ 1104 (11-61-106-12-1) 4. Matvei Michkov, PHI 645 (0-8-26-151-6) 5. Cutter Gauthier, ANA 92 (0-0-0-6-74) 6. Will Smith, SJ 62 (0-0-0-2-56) 7. Logan Stankoven, CAR 22 (0-0-0-2-16) 8. Zack Bolduc, STL 20 (0-0-0-1-17) 9. Jackson Blake, CAR 9 (0-0-0-0-9) 10. Marco Kasper, DET 7 (0-0-0-0-7)

NORRIS TROPHY 1. Cale Makar, COL 1861 (176-13-2-0-0) 2. Zach Werenski, CLB 1266 (13-132-38-7-1) 3. Quinn Hughes, VAN 918 (2-39-110-21-12) 4. Josh Morrissey, WPG 280 (0-5-18-41-32) 5. Victor Hedman, TB 265 (0-1-11-55-38) 6. Rasmus Dahlin, BUF 120 (0-0-4-26-22) 7. Thomas Harley, DAL 60 (0-1-1-7-27) 8. Jaccob Slavin, CAR 60 (0-0-2-13-11) 9. Lane Hutson, MTL 42 (0-0-1-5-22) 10. Jake Sanderson, OTT 33 (0-0-0-9-6)

VEZINA TROPHY 1. Connor Hellebuyck, WPG 158 (31-1-0) 2. Andrei Vasilevskiy, TB 80 (1-23-6) 3. Darcy Kuemper, LA 33 (0-6-15) 4. Logan Thompson, WSH 7 (0-1-4) 5. Anthony Stolarz, TOR 3 (0-1-0) T-6. Filip Gustavsson, MIN 2 (0-0-2) T-6. Ilya Sorokin, NYI 2 (0-0-2) T-8. Sam Montembeault, MTL 1 (0-0-1) T-8. Jake Oettinger, DAL 1 (0-0-1) T-8. Dustin Wolf, CGY 1 (0-0-1)

LADY BYNG TROPHY 1. Anze Kopitar, LA 856 (50-31-11-22-18) 2. Brayden Point, TB 793 (27-43-28-21-19) 3. Jack Eichel, VEG 782 (34-26-28-36-12) 4. Jaccob Slavin, CAR 760 (33-36-22-17-17) 5. Nick Suzuki, MTL 694 (8-35-48-29-42) 6. Cale Makar, COL 221 (12-3-9-8-11) 7. Marc-Andre Fleury, MIN 195 (16-2-2-2-5) 8. Mitch Marner, TOR 149 (3-5-10-8-10) 9. Colton Parayko, STL 72 (1-2-4-6-10) 10. Jake Sanderson, OTT 71 (1-1-8-3-5)

FRANK SELKE TROPHY 1. Aleksander Barkov, FLA 1363 (96-31-28-14-4) 2. Sam Reinhart, FLA 837 (29-36-42-24-13) 3. Anthony Cirelli, TB 828 (29-49-21-25-15) 4. Nico Hischier, NJ 477 (11-19-30-21-21) 5. Jack Eichel, VEG 256 (5-12-12-16-14) 6. Leon Draisaitl, EDM 235 (1-18-11-11-11) 7. Mitch Marner, TOR 177 (3-5-12-10-22) 8. Anze Kopitar, LA 125 (2-3-7-11-16) 9. Brandon Hagel, TB 115 (3-5-4-7-9) 10. Adam Lowry, WPG 115 (3-4-4-9-10)

JACK ADAMS AWARD 1. Spencer Carbery, WSH 464 (81-19-2) 2. Scott Arniel, WPG 249 (16-52-13) 3. Martin St-Louis, MTL 66 (2-12-20) 4. Jim Montgomery, STL 38 (2-5-13) 5. Dean Evason, CLB 30 (0-5-15) 6. Travis Green, OTT 26 (0-2-20) 7. Jon Cooper, TB 18 (2-2-2) 8. Jim Hiller, LA 17 (0-3-8) 9. Jared Bednar, COL 7 (0-2-1) 10. Craig Berube, TOR 5 (0-1-2)

NHL ALL-STAR VOTING

GOALTENDER 1. Connor Hellebuyck, WPG 944 (187-3-0) 2. Andrei Vasilevskiy, TB 512 (2-160-22) 3. Darcy Kuemper, LA 173 (1-21-105) 4. Jake Oettinger, DAL 30 (0-4-18) 5. Logan Thompson, WSH 23 (0-1-20) 6. Filip Gustavsson, MIN 8 (0-0-8) 7. Dustin Wolf, CGY 5 (0-1-2) 8. Sergei Bobrovsky, FLA 5 (0-0-5) T-9. Mackenzie Blackwood, COL 3 (0-0-3) T-9. Igor Shesterkin, NYR 3 (0-0-3)

DEFENSE 1. Cale Makar, COL 948 (189-1-0) 2. Zach Werenski, CLB 838 (136-52-2) Quinn Hughes, VAN 624 (47-125-14) 4. Victor Hedman, TB 273 (1-65-73) 5. Josh Morrissey, WPG 250 (5-57-54) 6. Rasmus Dahlin, BUF 155 (0-30-65) 7. Thomas Harley, DAL 67 (1-8-38) 8. Lane Hutson, MTL 64 (0-8-40) 9. Jaccob Slavin, CAR 63 (0-15-18) 10. Jake Sanderson, OTT 40 (0-7-19)

CENTER 1. Nathan MacKinnon, COL 731 (85-101-3) 2. Leon Draisaitl, EDM 713 (102-63-14) 3. Connor McDavid, EDM 158 (2-17-97) 4. Jack Eichel, VEG 93 (1-8-64) 5. Sidney Crosby, PIT 9 (0-1-6) T-6. Aleksander Barkov, FLA 2 (0-0-2) T-6. Auston Matthews, TOR 2 (0-0-2) T-8. Jake Guentzel, TB 1 (0-0-1) T-8. Jack Hughes, NJ 1 (0-0-1)

LEFT WING 1. Kyle Connor, WPG 796 (127-50-11) 2. Brandon Hagel, TB 447 (27-88-48) 3. Alex Ovechkin, WSH 291 (33-31-33) 4. Artemi Panarin, NYR 64 (1-11-26) 5. Jesper Bratt, NJ 59 (0-8-35) 6. Jason Robertson, DAL 26 (0-1-23) 7. Kirill Kaprizov, MIN 8 (0-1-5) T-8. Leon Draisaitl, EDM 5 (1-0-0) T-8. Dylan Holloway, STL 5 (1-0-0) 10. Brady Tkachuk, OTT 3 (0-0-3)

RIGHT WING 1. Nikita Kucherov, TB 941 (187-2-0) 2. David Pastrnak, BOS 387 (3-103-63) 3. Mitch Marner, TOR 319 (0-74-97) 4. Sam Reinhart, FLA 29 (0-3-20) 5. William Nylander, TOR 20 (0-5-5) 6. Mikko Rantanen, DAL 7 (0-1-4) T-7. Leon Draisaitl, EDM 3 (0-1-0) T-7. Valeri Nichushkin, COL 3 (0-1-0) 9. Kirill Marchenko, CLB 1 (0-0-1)

POINTS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	P
1.	Nikita Kucherov	TB	78	37	84	121
2.	Nathan MacKinnon	COL	79	32	84	116
3.	Leon Draisaitl	EDM	71	52	54	106
4.	David Pastrnak	BOS	82	43	63	106
5.	Mitch Marner	TOR	81	27	75	102
6.	Connor McDavid	EDM	67	26	74	100
7.	Kyle Connor	WPG	82	41	56	97
8.	Jack Eichel	VEG	77	28	66	94
9.	Cale Makar	COL	80	30	62	92
10.	Sidney Crosby	PIT	80	33	58	91
11.	Clayton Keller	UTH	81	30	60	90
12.	Brandon Hagel	TB	82	35	55	90
13.	Artemi Panarin	NYR	80	37	52	89
14.	Nick Suzuki	MTL	82	30	59	89
15.	Jesper Bratt	NJ	81	21	67	88
16.	Mikko Rantanen	COL,CAR,DAL	82	32	56	88
17.	Mark Scheifele	WPG	82	39	48	87
18.	William Nylander	TOR	82	45	39	84
19.	Martin Necas	CAR,COL	79	27	56	83
20.	Brayden Point	TB	77	42	40	82
21.	Zach Werenski	CLB	81	23	59	82
22.	Matt Duchene	DAL	82	30	52	82
23.	Dylan Strome	WSH	82	29	53	82
24.	Robert Thomas	STL	70	21	60	81
25.	Sam Reinhart	FLA	79	39	42	81
26.	Jake Guentzel	TB	80	41	39	80
27.	Jason Robertson	DAL	82	35	45	80
28.	Lucas Raymond	DET	82	27	53	80
29.	Tim Stutzle	OTT	82	24	55	79
30.	Auston Matthews	TOR	67	33	45	78
31.	Quinn Hughes	VAN	68	16	60	76
32.	Filip Forsberg	NSH	82	31	45	76
33.	Travis Konecny	PHI	82	24	52	76
34.	John Tavares	TOR	75	38	36	74
35.	Sebastian Aho	CAR	79	29	45	74
36.	Kirill Marchenko	CLB	79	31	43	74
37.	Alex Ovechkin	WSH	65	44	29	73
38.	Adrian Kempe	LA	81	35	38	73
39.	Matt Boldy	MIN	82	27	46	73
40.	Tage Thompson	BUF	76	44	28	72
41.	Aleksander Barkov	FLA	67	20	51	71
42.	Wyatt Johnston	DAL	82	33	38	71
43.	Jack Hughes	NJ	62	27	43	70
44.	J.T. Miller	VAN,NYR	72	22	48	70
45.	Rickard Rakell	PIT	81	35	35	70
46.	Dylan Larkin	DET	82	30	40	70
47.	Alex DeBrincat	DET	82	39	31	70
48.	Jordan Kyrou	STL	82	36	34	70
49.	Cole Caufield	MTL	82	37	33	70
50.	Nico Hischier	NJ	75	35	34	69
51.	Rasmus Dahlin	BUF	73	17	51	68
52.	JJ Peterka	BUF	77	27	41	68
53.	Drake Batherson	OTT	82	26	42	68
54.	Mark Stone	VEG	66	19	48	67
55.	Seth Jarvis	CAR	73	32	35	67
56.	Roope Hintz	DAL	76	28	39	67
57.	Anze Kopitar	LA	81	21	46	67
58.	Nazem Kadri	CGY	82	35	32	67
59.	Alex Tuch	BUF	82	36	31	67
60.	Evan Bouchard	EDM	82	14	53	67
61.	Connor Bedard	CHI	82	23	44	67
62.	Aliaksei Protas	WSH	76	30	36	66
63.	Victor Hedman	TB	79	15	51	66
64.	Pierre-Luc Dubois	WSH	82	20	46	66
65.	Lane Hutson	MTL	82	6	60	66
66.	Mikael Granlund	SJ,DAL	83	22	44	66
67.	Bryan Rust	PIT	71	31	34	65
68.	Logan Cooley	UTH	75	25	40	65
69.	Tom Wilson	WSH	81	33	32	65
70.	Nikolaj Ehlers	WPG	69	24	39	63
71.	Macklin Celebrini	SJ	70	25	38	63
72.	Dylan Holloway	STL	77	26	37	63
73.	Matvei Michkov	PHI	80	26	37	63
74.	Nick Schmaltz	UTH	82	20	43	63
75.	Josh Morrissey	WPG	80	14	48	62
76.	Ryan Donato	CHI	80	31	31	62
77.	Jonathan Huberdeau	CGY	81	28	34	62
78.	Mika Zibanejad	NYR	82	20	42	62
79.	Gabriel Vilardi	WPG	71	27	34	61
80.	Tomas Hertl	VEG	73	32	29	61
81.	Adam Fox	NYR	74	10	51	61
82.	Jared McCann	SEA	82	22	39	61
83.	Dylan Guenther	UTH	70	27	33	60
84.	Kevin Fiala	LA	81	35	25	60
85.	Marco Rossi	MIN	82	24	36	60
86.	Patrick Kane	DET	72	21	38	59
87.	Anthony Cirelli	TB	80	27	32	59
88.	Vincent Trocheck	NYR	82	26	33	59
89.	William Eklund	SJ	77	17	41	58
90.	Matthew Knies	TOR	78	29	29	58
91.	Teuvo Teravainen	CHI	82	15	43	58
92.	Matthew Tkachuk	FLA	52	22	35	57
93.	Sean Monahan	CLB	54	19	38	57
94.	Shea Theodore	VEG	67	7	50	57
95.	Kent Johnson	CLB	68	24	33	57
96.	Pavel Buchnevich	STL	76	20	37	57
97.	Morgan Geekie	BOS	77	33	24	57
98.	Jake Sanderson	OTT	80	11	46	57
99.	Bo Horvat	NYI	81	28	29	57
100.	Connor McMichael	WSH	82	26	31	57
101.	Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	41	25	31	56
102.	Jonathan Marchessault	NSH	78	21	35	56
103.	Brock Nelson	NYI,COL	80	26	30	56
104.	Brady Tkachuk	OTT	72	29	26	55
105.	Troy Terry	ANA	77	21	34	55
106.	Mats Zuccarello	MIN	69	19	35	54
107.	Tyler Toffoli	SJ	78	30	24	54
108.	Quinton Byfield	LA	81	23	31	54
109.	Anders Lee	NYI	82	29	25	54
110.	Adam Fantilli	CLB	82	31	23	54
111.	Jason Zucker	BUF	73	21	32	53
112.	Mikhail Sergachev	UTH	77	15	38	53
113.	Ryan O'Reilly	NSH	79	21	32	53
114.	Ryan McLeod	BUF	79	20	33	53
115.	Timo Meier	NJ	80	26	27	53
116.	Carter Verhaeghe	FLA	81	20	33	53
117.	Steven Stamkos	NSH	82	27	26	53
118.	Erik Karlsson	PIT	82	11	42	53
119.	Mason McTavish	ANA	76	22	30	52
120.	Pavel Dorofeyev	VEG	82	35	17	52
121.	Ivan Barbashev	VEG	70	23	28	51
122.	Brad Marchand	BOS,FLA	71	23	28	51
123.	Sam Bennett	FLA	76	25	26	51
124.	Chandler Stephenson	SEA	78	13	38	51
125.	John Carlson	WSH	79	5	46	51
126.	Juraj Slafkovsky	MTL	79	18	33	51
127.	Evgeni Malkin	PIT	68	16	34	50
128.	Brock Boeser	VAN	75	25	25	50
129.	Thomas Harley	DAL	78	16	34	50
130.	Claude Giroux	OTT	81	15	35	50
131.	Conor Garland	VAN	81	19	31	50
132.	Brayden Schenn	STL	82	18	32	50
133.	Cole Perfetti	WPG	82	18	32	50
134.	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	EDM	78	20	29	49
135.	Jamie Benn	DAL	80	16	33	49
136.	Jaden Schwartz	SEA	81	26	23	49
137.	Andrei Svechnikov	CAR	72	20	28	48
138.	Kyle Palmieri	NYI	82	24	24	48
139.	Jake DeBrusk	VAN	82	28	20	48
140.	Mason Marchment	DAL	62	22	25	47
141.	Dmitri Voronkov	CLB	73	23	24	47
142.	Jakob Chychrun	WSH	74	20	27	47
143.	Matt Coronato	CGY	77	24	23	47
144.	MacKenzie Weegar	CGY	81	8	39	47
145.	Elias Lindholm	BOS	82	17	30	47
146.	Pavel Zacha	BOS	82	14	33	47
147.	Dylan Cozens	BUF,OTT	82	16	31	47
148.	Oliver Bjorkstrand	SEA,TB	79	21	25	46
149.	Pius Suter	VAN	81	25	21	46
150.	Tyler Bertuzzi	CHI	82	23	23	46
151.	Warren Foegele	LA	82	24	22	46
152.	Barrett Hayton	UTH	82	20	26	46
153.	Moritz Seider	DET	82	8	38	46
154.	Jake Neighbours	STL	82	22	24	46
155.	Elias Pettersson	VAN	64	15	30	45
156.	Artturi Lehkonen	COL	69	27	18	45
157.	Shayne Gostisbehere	CAR	70	7	38	45
158.	Will Smith	SJ	74	18	27	45
159.	Simon Holmstrom	NYI	75	20	25	45
160.	Leo Carlsson	ANA	76	20	25	45
161.	Sean Couturier	PHI	79	15	30	45
162.	Anton Lundell	FLA	79	17	28	45
163.	Thomas Chabot	OTT	80	9	36	45
164.	Frank Vatrano	ANA	81	21	24	45
165.	Alexis Lafreniere	NYR	82	17	28	45
166.	Will Cuylle	NYR	82	20	25	45
167.	Luke Hughes	NJ	71	7	37	44
168.	Zach Hyman	EDM	73	27	17	44
169.	Devon Toews	COL	76	10	34	44
170.	Kaapo Kakko	NYR,SEA	79	14	30	44
171.	Shane Wright	SEA	79	19	25	44
172.	Cutter Gauthier	ANA	82	20	24	44
173.	Jackson LaCombe	ANA	75	14	29	43
174.	Owen Tippett	PHI	77	20	23	43
175.	Phillip Danault	LA	80	8	35	43
176.	Tyson Foerster	PHI	81	25	18	43
177.	Matty Beniers	SEA	82	20	23	43
178.	Taylor Hall	CHI,CAR	77	18	24	42
179.	Alex Laferriere	LA	77	19	23	42
180.	Jean-Gabriel Pageau	NYI	79	14	28	42
181.	Nick Paul	TB	76	22	19	41
182.	Stefan Noesen	NJ	78	22	19	41
183.	Bobby Brink	PHI	79	12	29	41
184.	Brandon Montour	SEA	81	18	23	41
185.	Ryan Strome	ANA	82	10	31	41
186.	Morgan Rielly	TOR	82	7	34	41
187.	Fabian Zetterlund	SJ,OTT	84	19	22	41
188.	Dougie Hamilton	NJ	64	9	31	40
189.	Jake Walman	SJ,EDM	65	7	33	40
190.	Cam Fowler	ANA,STL	68	9	31	40
191.	Trevor Moore	LA	71	18	22	40
192.	Kiefer Sherwood	VAN	78	19	21	40
193.	Reilly Smith	NYR,VEG	79	13	27	40
194.	Owen Power	BUF	79	7	33	40
195.	Evgenii Dadonov	DAL	80	20	20	40
196.	Brett Howden	VEG	80	23	17	40
197.	Casey Mittelstadt	COL,BOS	81	15	25	40
198.	Matt Grzelcyk	PIT	82	1	39	40
199.	Vince Dunn	SEA	62	11	28	39
200.	Neal Pionk	WPG	69	10	29	39
201.	Noah Dobson	NYI	71	10	29	39
202.	Jack Quinn	BUF	74	15	24	39
203.	Noah Hanifin	VEG	80	10	29	39
204.	Jack Roslovic	CAR	81	22	17	39
205.	Blake Coleman	CGY	82	15	24	39
206.	Roman Josi	NSH	53	9	29	38
207.	Michael Bunting	PIT,NSH	76	19	19	38
208.	Vladislav Namestnikov	WPG	78	11	27	38
209.	Logan Stankoven	DAL,CAR	78	14	24	38
210.	Brendan Gallagher	MTL	82	21	17	38
211.	Bowen Byram	BUF	82	7	31	38
212.	Jonathan Drouin	COL	43	11	26	37
213.	Andrei Kuzmenko	CGY,PHI,LA	66	11	26	37
214.	Shane Pinto	OTT	70	21	16	37
215.	Darren Raddysh	TB	73	6	31	37
216.	Marco Kasper	DET	77	19	18	37
217.	Noah Cates	PHI	78	16	21	37
218.	Andre Burakovsky	SEA	79	10	27	37
219.	Morgan Frost	PHI,CGY	81	14	23	37
220.	Alex Killorn	ANA	82	19	18	37
221.	Nino Niederreiter	WPG	82	17	20	37
222.	Frederick Gaudreau	MIN	82	18	19	37
223.	Seth Jones	CHI,FLA	63	9	27	36
224.	Colton Parayko	STL	64	16	20	36
225.	James van Riemsdyk	CLB	71	16	20	36
226.	Zack Bolduc	STL	72	19	17	36
227.	Jordan Staal	CAR	75	13	23	36
228.	Jordan Martinook	CAR	79	15	21	36
229.	Jake Evans	MTL	82	13	23	36
230.	Dawson Mercer	NJ	82	19	17	36
231.	Josh Norris	OTT,BUF	56	21	14	35
232.	Alexander Wennberg	SJ	77	10	25	35
233.	Maxim Tsyplakov	NYI	77	10	25	35
234.	Nick Foligno	CHI	78	15	20	35
235.	Eeli Tolvanen	SEA	81	23	12	35
236.	Charlie Coyle	BOS,COL	83	17	18	35
237.	Valeri Nichushkin	COL	43	21	13	34
238.	Marcus Johansson	MIN	72	11	23	34
239.	Adam Lowry	WPG	73	16	18	34
240.	Bobby McMann	TOR	74	20	14	34
241.	Ridly Greig	OTT	78	13	21	34
242.	Ilya Mikheyev	CHI	80	20	14	34
243.	Jackson Blake	CAR	80	17	17	34
244.	Patrik Laine	MTL	52	20	13	33
245.	Aaron Ekblad	FLA	56	3	30	33
246.	Filip Hronek	VAN	61	5	28	33
247.	Mattias Ekholm	EDM	65	9	24	33
248.	Cole Sillinger	CLB	66	11	22	33
249.	Alex Pietrangelo	VEG	71	4	29	33
250.	Max Domi	TOR	74	8	25	33
251.	Darnell Nurse	EDM	76	5	28	33
252.	Mason Lohrei	BOS	77	5	28	33
253.	Jesperi Kotkaniemi	CAR	78	12	21	33
254.	Brandt Clarke	LA	78	5	28	33
255.	Vladimir Tarasenko	DET	80	11	22	33
256.	Brady Skjei	NSH	82	10	23	33
257.	Christian Dvorak	MTL	82	12	21	33
258.	Ivan Provorov	CLB	82	7	26	33
259.	Trevor Zegras	ANA	57	12	20	32
260.	Jared Spurgeon	MIN	66	7	25	32
261.	Luke Evangelista	NSH	68	10	22	32
262.	Yegor Sharangovich	CGY	73	17	15	32
263.	Mikael Backlund	CGY	76	15	17	32
264.	J.T. Compher	DET	76	11	21	32
265.	Justin Faulk	STL	78	4	28	32
266.	Evan Rodrigues	FLA	82	15	17	32
267.	Mathieu Olivier	CLB	82	18	14	32
268.	Eric Robinson	CAR	82	14	18	32
269.	Yanni Gourde	SEA,TB	57	7	24	31
270.	Ryan Poehling	PHI	68	12	19	31
271.	Nicolas Roy	VEG	71	15	16	31
272.	Mackie Samoskevich	FLA	72	15	16	31
273.	Simon Edvinsson	DET	78	7	24	31
274.	Scott Laughton	PHI,TOR	80	13	18	31
275.	Mike Matheson	MTL	80	6	25	31
276.	Gustav Forsling	FLA	80	11	20	31
277.	Rasmus Andersson	CGY	81	11	20	31
278.	Ryan McDonagh	TB	82	4	27	31
279.	Alex Iafallo	WPG	82	15	16	31
280.	Chris Kreider	NYR	68	22	8	30
281.	Brandon Saad	STL,VEG	72	13	17	30
282.	Kris Letang	PIT	74	9	21	30
283.	Corey Perry	EDM	81	19	11	30
284.	Connor Brown	EDM	82	13	17	30
285.	Travis Sanheim	PHI	82	8	22	30
286.	Keegan Kolesar	VEG	82	12	18	30
287.	Vladislav Gavrikov	LA	82	5	25	30
288.	Rasmus Sandin	WSH	82	4	26	30
289.	Alex Vlasic	CHI	82	4	26	30
290.	Joel Eriksson Ek	MIN	46	14	15	29
291.	William Karlsson	VEG	53	9	20	29
292.	Victor Olofsson	VEG	56	15	14	29
293.	Ross Colton	COL	61	16	13	29
294.	Philip Broberg	STL	68	8	21	29
295.	Jeff Skinner	EDM	72	16	13	29
296.	Oliver Ekman-Larsson	TOR	77	4	25	29
297.	Marcus Foligno	MIN	77	14	15	29
298.	Marcus Pettersson	PIT,VAN	78	4	25	29
299.	Brock Faber	MIN	78	10	19	29
300.	Danton Heinen	VAN,PIT	79	9	20	29

POINTS PER GAME

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	P	P/GP
1.	Nikita Kucherov	TB	78	37	84	121	1.55
2.	Leon Draisaitl	EDM	71	52	54	106	1.49
3.	Connor McDavid	EDM	67	26	74	100	1.49
4.	Nathan MacKinnon	COL	79	32	84	116	1.47
5.	Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	41	25	31	56	1.37
6.	David Pastrnak	BOS	82	43	63	106	1.29
7.	Mitch Marner	TOR	81	27	75	102	1.26
8.	Jack Eichel	VEG	77	28	66	94	1.22
9.	Kyle Connor	WPG	82	41	56	97	1.18
10.	Auston Matthews	TOR	67	33	45	78	1.16
11.	Robert Thomas	STL	70	21	60	81	1.16
12.	Cale Makar	COL	80	30	62	92	1.15
13.	Sidney Crosby	PIT	80	33	58	91	1.14
14.	Jack Hughes	NJ	62	27	43	70	1.13
15.	Alex Ovechkin	WSH	65	44	29	73	1.12
16.	Quinn Hughes	VAN	68	16	60	76	1.12
17.	Artemi Panarin	NYR	80	37	52	89	1.11
18.	Clayton Keller	UTH	81	30	60	90	1.11
19.	Brandon Hagel	TB	82	35	55	90	1.10
20.	Matthew Tkachuk	FLA	52	22	35	57	1.10
21.	Jesper Bratt	NJ	81	21	67	88	1.09
22.	Nick Suzuki	MTL	82	30	59	89	1.09
23.	Mikko Rantanen	COL,CAR,DAL	82	32	56	88	1.07
24.	Brayden Point	TB	77	42	40	82	1.06
25.	Mark Scheifele	WPG	82	39	48	87	1.06
26.	Aleksander Barkov	FLA	67	20	51	71	1.06
27.	Sean Monahan	CLB	54	19	38	57	1.06
28.	Martin Necas	CAR,COL	79	27	56	83	1.05
29.	Tyler Seguin	DAL	20	9	12	21	1.05
30.	Sam Reinhart	FLA	79	39	42	81	1.03
31.	William Nylander	TOR	82	45	39	84	1.02
32.	Mark Stone	VEG	66	19	48	67	1.02
33.	Zach Werenski	CLB	81	23	59	82	1.01
34.	Matt Duchene	DAL	82	30	52	82	1.00
35.	Jake Guentzel	TB	80	41	39	80	1.00
36.	Dylan Strome	WSH	82	29	53	82	1.00
37.	John Tavares	TOR	75	38	36	74	0.99
38.	Jason Robertson	DAL	82	35	45	80	0.98
39.	Lucas Raymond	DET	82	27	53	80	0.98
40.	J.T. Miller	VAN,NYR	72	22	48	70	0.97
41.	Tim Stutzle	OTT	82	24	55	79	0.96
42.	Tage Thompson	BUF	76	44	28	72	0.95
43.	Sebastian Aho	CAR	79	29	45	74	0.94
44.	Kirill Marchenko	CLB	79	31	43	74	0.94
45.	Rasmus Dahlin	BUF	73	17	51	68	0.93
46.	Filip Forsberg	NSH	82	31	45	76	0.93
47.	Travis Konecny	PHI	82	24	52	76	0.93
48.	Nico Hischier	NJ	75	35	34	69	0.92
49.	Seth Jarvis	CAR	73	32	35	67	0.92
50.	Bryan Rust	PIT	71	31	34	65	0.92
51.	Nikolaj Ehlers	WPG	69	24	39	63	0.91
52.	Adrian Kempe	LA	81	35	38	73	0.90
53.	Macklin Celebrini	SJ	70	25	38	63	0.90
54.	Matt Boldy	MIN	82	27	46	73	0.89
55.	JJ Peterka	BUF	77	27	41	68	0.88
56.	Roope Hintz	DAL	76	28	39	67	0.88
57.	Aliaksei Protas	WSH	76	30	36	66	0.87
58.	Logan Cooley	UTH	75	25	40	65	0.87
59.	Wyatt Johnston	DAL	82	33	38	71	0.87
60.	Rickard Rakell	PIT	81	35	35	70	0.86
61.	Jonathan Drouin	COL	43	11	26	37	0.86
62.	Gabriel Vilardi	WPG	71	27	34	61	0.86
63.	Dylan Guenther	UTH	70	27	33	60	0.86
64.	Dylan Larkin	DET	82	30	40	70	0.85
65.	Alex DeBrincat	DET	82	39	31	70	0.85
66.	Jordan Kyrou	STL	82	36	34	70	0.85
67.	Cole Caufield	MTL	82	37	33	70	0.85
68.	Shea Theodore	VEG	67	7	50	57	0.85
69.	Kent Johnson	CLB	68	24	33	57	0.84
70.	Tomas Hertl	VEG	73	32	29	61	0.84
71.	Victor Hedman	TB	79	15	51	66	0.84
72.	Drake Batherson	OTT	82	26	42	68	0.83
73.	Anze Kopitar	LA	81	21	46	67	0.83
74.	Adam Fox	NYR	74	10	51	61	0.82
75.	Patrick Kane	DET	72	21	38	59	0.82
76.	Dylan Holloway	STL	77	26	37	63	0.82
77.	Nazem Kadri	CGY	82	35	32	67	0.82
78.	Alex Tuch	BUF	82	36	31	67	0.82
79.	Evan Bouchard	EDM	82	14	53	67	0.82
80.	Connor Bedard	CHI	82	23	44	67	0.82
81.	Pierre-Luc Dubois	WSH	82	20	46	66	0.80
82.	Lane Hutson	MTL	82	6	60	66	0.80
83.	Tom Wilson	WSH	81	33	32	65	0.80
84.	Mikael Granlund	SJ,DAL	83	22	44	66	0.80
85.	Valeri Nichushkin	COL	43	21	13	34	0.79
86.	Matvei Michkov	PHI	80	26	37	63	0.79
87.	Mats Zuccarello	MIN	69	19	35	54	0.78
88.	Josh Morrissey	WPG	80	14	48	62	0.78
89.	Ryan Donato	CHI	80	31	31	62	0.78
90.	Nick Schmaltz	UTH	82	20	43	63	0.77
91.	Jonathan Huberdeau	CGY	81	28	34	62	0.77
92.	Brady Tkachuk	OTT	72	29	26	55	0.76
93.	Mason Marchment	DAL	62	22	25	47	0.76
94.	Mika Zibanejad	NYR	82	20	42	62	0.76
95.	William Eklund	SJ	77	17	41	58	0.75
96.	Pavel Buchnevich	STL	76	20	37	57	0.75
97.	Jared McCann	SEA	82	22	39	61	0.74
98.	Matthew Knies	TOR	78	29	29	58	0.74
99.	Kevin Fiala	LA	81	35	25	60	0.74
100.	Morgan Geekie	BOS	77	33	24	57	0.74

GOALS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G
1.	Leon Draisaitl	EDM	71	52
2.	William Nylander	TOR	82	45
3.	Alex Ovechkin	WSH	65	44
4.	Tage Thompson	BUF	76	44
5.	David Pastrnak	BOS	82	43
6.	Brayden Point	TB	77	42
7.	Jake Guentzel	TB	80	41
8.	Kyle Connor	WPG	82	41
9.	Mark Scheifele	WPG	82	39
10.	Sam Reinhart	FLA	79	39
11.	Alex DeBrincat	DET	82	39
12.	John Tavares	TOR	75	38
13.	Nikita Kucherov	TB	78	37
14.	Artemi Panarin	NYR	80	37
15.	Cole Caufield	MTL	82	37
16.	Alex Tuch	BUF	82	36
17.	Jordan Kyrou	STL	82	36
18.	Nazem Kadri	CGY	82	35
19.	Rickard Rakell	PIT	81	35
20.	Kevin Fiala	LA	81	35
21.	Adrian Kempe	LA	81	35
22.	Brandon Hagel	TB	82	35
23.	Nico Hischier	NJ	75	35
24.	Jason Robertson	DAL	82	35
25.	Pavel Dorofeyev	VEG	82	35
26.	Sidney Crosby	PIT	80	33
27.	Tom Wilson	WSH	81	33
28.	Auston Matthews	TOR	67	33
29.	Morgan Geekie	BOS	77	33
30.	Wyatt Johnston	DAL	82	33
31.	Tomas Hertl	VEG	73	32
32.	Nathan MacKinnon	COL	79	32
33.	Mikko Rantanen	COL,CAR,DAL	82	32
34.	Seth Jarvis	CAR	73	32
35.	Bryan Rust	PIT	71	31
36.	Filip Forsberg	NSH	82	31
37.	Ryan Donato	CHI	80	31
38.	Kirill Marchenko	CLB	79	31
39.	Adam Fantilli	CLB	82	31
40.	Matt Duchene	DAL	82	30
41.	Tyler Toffoli	SJ	78	30
42.	Dylan Larkin	DET	82	30
43.	Clayton Keller	UTH	81	30
44.	Nick Suzuki	MTL	82	30
45.	Cale Makar	COL	80	30
46.	Aliaksei Protas	WSH	76	30
47.	Anders Lee	NYI	82	29
48.	Sebastian Aho	CAR	79	29
49.	Dylan Strome	WSH	82	29
50.	Brady Tkachuk	OTT	72	29

PP POINTS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	PPG	PPP
1.	Nikita Kucherov	TB	78	8	46
2.	Nathan MacKinnon	COL	79	9	38
3.	Clayton Keller	UTH	81	10	37
4.	Martin Necas	CAR,COL	79	12	37
5.	Lucas Raymond	DET	82	8	37
6.	Cale Makar	COL	80	12	35
7.	Jack Eichel	VEG	77	5	34
8.	Dylan Strome	WSH	82	9	34
9.	Jesper Bratt	NJ	81	4	34
10.	Leon Draisaitl	EDM	71	16	33
11.	Mitch Marner	TOR	81	6	33
12.	Tim Stutzle	OTT	82	5	33
13.	Brayden Point	TB	77	16	31
14.	Connor McDavid	EDM	67	9	31
15.	Drake Batherson	OTT	82	13	31
16.	Sam Reinhart	FLA	79	13	30
17.	William Nylander	TOR	82	12	30
18.	Jake Sanderson	OTT	80	5	30
19.	Patrick Kane	DET	72	12	29
20.	Alex DeBrincat	DET	82	13	29
21.	Nico Hischier	NJ	75	14	29
22.	Quinn Hughes	VAN	68	4	29
23.	Dylan Guenther	UTH	70	12	29
24.	Connor Bedard	CHI	82	11	29
25.	Jake Guentzel	TB	80	17	28
26.	Aleksander Barkov	FLA	67	9	28
27.	Kyle Connor	WPG	82	9	28
28.	Sidney Crosby	PIT	80	12	27
29.	Matt Duchene	DAL	82	8	27
30.	Shayne Gostisbehere	CAR	70	4	27
31.	Dylan Larkin	DET	82	13	27
32.	Nick Suzuki	MTL	82	4	27
33.	Jack Hughes	NJ	62	6	27
34.	Victor Hedman	TB	79	4	26
35.	Filip Forsberg	NSH	82	10	26
36.	Mikko Rantanen	COL,CAR,DAL	82	11	26
37.	Artemi Panarin	NYR	80	8	26
38.	Evan Bouchard	EDM	82	3	26
39.	Lane Hutson	MTL	82	1	26
40.	Mark Stone	VEG	66	5	25
41.	Mark Scheifele	WPG	82	11	25
42.	Kevin Fiala	LA	81	14	25
43.	Nick Schmaltz	UTH	82	9	25
44.	Zach Werenski	CLB	81	5	25
45.	Auston Matthews	TOR	67	10	25
46.	Gabriel Vilardi	WPG	71	12	25
47.	Wyatt Johnston	DAL	82	11	25
48.	Teuvo Teravainen	CHI	82	7	24
49.	Moritz Seider	DET	82	4	24
50.	Jonathan Huberdeau	CGY	81	10	23

DEFENSEMAN PTS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	P
1.	Cale Makar	COL	80	30	62	92
2.	Zach Werenski	CLB	81	23	59	82
3.	Quinn Hughes	VAN	68	16	60	76
4.	Rasmus Dahlin	BUF	73	17	51	68
5.	Evan Bouchard	EDM	82	14	53	67
6.	Victor Hedman	TB	79	15	51	66
7.	Lane Hutson	MTL	82	6	60	66
8.	Josh Morrissey	WPG	80	14	48	62
9.	Adam Fox	NYR	74	10	51	61
10.	Shea Theodore	VEG	67	7	50	57
11.	Jake Sanderson	OTT	80	11	46	57
12.	Erik Karlsson	PIT	82	11	42	53
13.	Mikhail Sergachev	UTH	77	15	38	53
14.	John Carlson	WSH	79	5	46	51
15.	Thomas Harley	DAL	78	16	34	50
16.	MacKenzie Weegar	CGY	81	8	39	47
17.	Jakob Chychrun	WSH	74	20	27	47
18.	Moritz Seider	DET	82	8	38	46
19.	Shayne Gostisbehere	CAR	70	7	38	45
20.	Thomas Chabot	OTT	80	9	36	45
21.	Devon Toews	COL	76	10	34	44
22.	Luke Hughes	NJ	71	7	37	44
23.	Jackson LaCombe	ANA	75	14	29	43
24.	Morgan Rielly	TOR	82	7	34	41
25.	Brandon Montour	SEA	81	18	23	41
26.	Cam Fowler	ANA,STL	68	9	31	40
27.	Dougie Hamilton	NJ	64	9	31	40
28.	Matt Grzelcyk	PIT	82	1	39	40
29.	Jake Walman	SJ,EDM	65	7	33	40
30.	Owen Power	BUF	79	7	33	40
31.	Noah Hanifin	VEG	80	10	29	39
32.	Vince Dunn	SEA	62	11	28	39
33.	Neal Pionk	WPG	69	10	29	39
34.	Noah Dobson	NYI	71	10	29	39
35.	Roman Josi	NSH	53	9	29	38
36.	Bowen Byram	BUF	82	7	31	38
37.	Darren Raddysh	TB	73	6	31	37
38.	Colton Parayko	STL	64	16	20	36
39.	Seth Jones	CHI,FLA	63	9	27	36
40.	Alex Pietrangelo	VEG	71	4	29	33
41.	Mattias Ekholm	EDM	65	9	24	33
42.	Brady Skjei	NSH	82	10	23	33
43.	Darnell Nurse	EDM	76	5	28	33
44.	Aaron Ekblad	FLA	56	3	30	33
45.	Ivan Provorov	CLB	82	7	26	33
46.	Filip Hronek	VAN	61	5	28	33
47.	Mason Lohrei	BOS	77	5	28	33
48.	Brandt Clarke	LA	78	5	28	33
49.	Jared Spurgeon	MIN	66	7	25	32
50.	Justin Faulk	STL	78	4	28	32

PIM

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	PIM
1.	Nikita Zadorov	BOS	81	145
2.	Mathieu Olivier	CLB	82	139
3.	A.J. Greer	FLA	81	130
4.	Brady Tkachuk	OTT	72	123
5.	Arber Xhekaj	MTL	70	118
6.	Mark Kastelic	BOS	61	106
7.	Emil Lilleberg	TB	76	105
8.	Michael McCarron	NSH	74	102
9.	Tom Wilson	WSH	81	100
10.	Brandon Duhaime	WSH	82	98
11.	Patrick Maroon	CHI	68	97
12.	Josh Anderson	MTL	81	90
13.	Sam Bennett	FLA	76	90
14.	Tanner Jeannot	LA	67	89
15.	Michael Kesselring	UTH	82	89
16.	Brayden Pachal	CGY	76	88
17.	Radko Gudas	ANA	81	86
18.	Martin Pospisil	CGY	81	84
19.	Frank Vatrano	ANA	81	80
20.	Logan Stanley	WPG	63	78
21.	Jack McBain	UTH	82	78
22.	Ian Cole	UTH	82	77
23.	Max Domi	TOR	74	76
24.	Pierre-Luc Dubois	WSH	82	76
25.	Marcus Foligno	MIN	77	75
26.	Barclay Goodrow	SJ	77	75
27.	Ryan Hartman	MIN	69	75
28.	Tyler Myers	VAN	71	74
29.	Nazem Kadri	CGY	82	72
30.	Darnell Nurse	EDM	76	72
31.	Ross Johnston	ANA	43	72
32.	Johnathan Kovacevic	NJ	81	72
33.	Jamie Benn	DAL	80	70
34.	Ryan Strome	ANA	82	70
35.	Brandon Montour	SEA	81	70
36.	Niko Mikkola	FLA	76	70
37.	Connor Bedard	CHI	82	70
38.	Ben Chiarot	DET	81	69
39.	Cole Smith	NSH	71	69
40.	Michael Bunting	PIT,NSH	76	68
41.	Dylan Cozens	BUF,OTT	82	68
42.	Brenden Dillon	NJ	82	67
43.	Matt Rempe	NYR	42	67
44.	Simon Edvinsson	DET	78	67
45.	Jacob Trouba	NYR,ANA	77	66
46.	Brad Marchand	BOS,FLA	71	64
47.	Nathan Walker	STL	73	63
48.	Michael Eyssimont	TB,SEA	77	63
49.	Zachary L'Heureux	NSH	62	63
50.	Paul Cotter	NJ	79	62

WINS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	W	L	OT
1.	Connor Hellebuyck	WPG	63	47	12	3
2.	Andrei Vasilevskiy	TB	63	38	20	5
3.	Jake Oettinger	DAL	58	36	18	4
4.	Sergei Bobrovsky	FLA	54	33	19	2
5.	Adin Hill	VEG	50	32	13	5
6.	Darcy Kuemper	LA	50	31	11	7
7.	Filip Gustavsson	MIN	58	31	19	6
8.	Logan Thompson	WSH	43	31	6	6
9.	Sam Montembeault	MTL	62	31	24	7
10.	Ilya Sorokin	NYI	61	30	24	6
11.	Dustin Wolf	CGY	53	29	16	8
12.	Mackenzie Blackwood	SJ,COL	56	28	21	6
13.	Jordan Binnington	STL	56	28	22	5
14.	Joseph Woll	TOR	42	27	14	1
15.	Joey Daccord	SEA	57	27	23	5
16.	Igor Shesterkin	NYR	61	27	29	5
17.	Pyotr Kochetkov	CAR	47	27	16	3
18.	Karel Vejmelka	UTH	58	26	22	8
19.	Jacob Markstrom	NJ	49	26	16	6
20.	Stuart Skinner	EDM	51	26	18	4
21.	Elvis Merzlikins	CLB	53	26	21	5
22.	Linus Ullmark	OTT	44	25	14	3
23.	Kevin Lankinen	VAN	51	25	15	10
24.	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	BUF	55	24	24	5
25.	Lukas Dostal	ANA	54	23	23	7
26.	Calvin Pickard	EDM	36	22	10	1
27.	Jeremy Swayman	BOS	58	22	29	7
28.	Samuel Ersson	PHI	47	22	17	5
29.	Anthony Stolarz	TOR	34	21	8	3
30.	Cam Talbot	DET	47	21	19	5
31.	Charlie Lindgren	WSH	39	20	14	3
32.	Juuse Saros	NSH	58	20	31	6
33.	Spencer Knight	FLA,CHI	38	17	16	3
34.	Joel Hofer	STL	31	16	8	3
35.	Tristan Jarry	PIT	36	16	12	6
36.	Ilya Samsonov	VEG	29	16	9	4
37.	David Rittich	LA	34	16	14	2
38.	Justus Annunen	COL,NSH	34	15	15	1
39.	Alexandar Georgiev	COL,SJ	49	15	26	4
40.	Casey DeSmith	DAL	27	14	8	2
41.	Scott Wedgewood	NSH,COL	24	14	6	2
42.	Marc-Andre Fleury	MIN	26	14	9	1
43.	Alex Lyon	DET	30	14	9	1
44.	Alex Nedeljkovic	PIT	38	14	15	5
45.	Jake Allen	NJ	31	13	16	1
46.	Frederik Andersen	CAR	22	13	8	1
47.	Dan Vladar	CGY	30	12	11	6
48.	Petr Mrazek	CHI,DET	38	12	21	2
49.	John Gibson	ANA	29	11	11	2
50.	Anton Forsberg	OTT	30	11	12	3

SHUTOUTS

	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	SO
1.	Connor Hellebuyck	WPG	63	8
2.	Andrei Vasilevskiy	TB	63	6
3.	Igor Shesterkin	NYR	61	6
4.	Darcy Kuemper	LA	50	5
5.	Sergei Bobrovsky	FLA	54	5
6.	Filip Gustavsson	MIN	58	5
7.	Jacob Markstrom	NJ	49	4
8.	Jake Allen	NJ	31	4
9.	Anthony Stolarz	TOR	34	4
10.	Linus Ullmark	OTT	44	4
11.	Juuse Saros	NSH	58	4
12.	Ilya Sorokin	NYI	61	4
13.	Mackenzie Blackwood	SJ,COL	56	4
14.	Sam Montembeault	MTL	62	4
15.	Adin Hill	VEG	50	4
16.	Jeremy Swayman	BOS	58	4
17.	Kevin Lankinen	VAN	51	4
18.	Jonathan Quick	NYR	24	3
19.	Anton Forsberg	OTT	30	3
20.	Jordan Binnington	STL	56	3
21.	Joonas Korpisalo	BOS	27	3
22.	Stuart Skinner	EDM	51	3
23.	Dustin Wolf	CGY	53	3
24.	Leevi Merilainen	OTT	12	3
25.	Cam Talbot	DET	47	2
26.	Scott Wedgewood	NSH,COL	24	2
27.	Tristan Jarry	PIT	36	2
28.	Eric Comrie	WPG	20	2
29.	Dan Vladar	CGY	30	2
30.	Ilya Samsonov	VEG	29	2
31.	Joey Daccord	SEA	57	2
32.	Casey DeSmith	DAL	27	2
33.	Jake Oettinger	DAL	58	2
34.	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	BUF	55	2
35.	Logan Thompson	WSH	43	2
36.	Samuel Ersson	PHI	47	2
37.	Spencer Knight	FLA,CHI	38	2
38.	Pyotr Kochetkov	CAR	47	2
39.	Jet Greaves	CLB	11	2
40.	Marc-Andre Fleury	MIN	26	1
41.	James Reimer	ANA,BUF	24	1
42.	Dustin Tokarski	CAR	6	1
43.	Petr Mrazek	CHI,DET	38	1
44.	Frederik Andersen	CAR	22	1
45.	Spencer Martin	CAR	9	1
46.	Thatcher Demko	VAN	23	1
47.	Alex Nedeljkovic	PIT	38	1
48.	Vitek Vanecek	SJ,FLA	25	1
49.	Jonas Johansson	TB	19	1
50.	Elvis Merzlikins	CLB	53	1

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ANAHEIM DUCKS
1/10. Roger McQueen, C, Brandon (WHL)
2/45. Eric Nilson, C, Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)
2/60. Lasse Boelius, D, Assat Jr. (Fin.)
3/72. Noah Read, C, London (OHL)
4/101. Drew Schock, D, USA U18 (NTDP)
4/104. Elijah Neuenschwander, G, Fribourg Jr. (Sui.)
5/136. Alexis Mathieu, D, Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)
5/159. Emile Guite, LW, Chicoutimi (QMJHL)
6/168. Anthony Allain Samake, D, Sioux City (USHL)
7/200. Brady Turko, RW, Brandon (WHL)

BOSTON BRUINS
1/7. James Hagens, C, Boston College (HE)
2/51. William Moore, C, USA U18 (NTDP)
2/61. Liam Pettersson, D, Vaxjo Jr. (Swe.)
3/79. Cooper Simpson, LW, Shakopee (USHS)
4/100. Vashek Blanar, D, Ljungby U18 (Swe.)
5/133. Cole Chandler, C, Shawinigan (QMJHL)
6/165. Kirill Yemelyanov, C, Loko-76/Loko Jr. (Rus.)

BUFFALO SABRES
1/9. Radim Mrtka, D, Seattle (WHL)
3/71. David Bedkowski, D, Oshawa/Owen Sound (OHL)
4/103. Matous Jan Kucharcik, C, Prague (Cze.2)
4/116. Samuel Meloche, G, Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)
5/135. Noah Laberge, D, Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)
6/167. Ashton Schultz, C, Sioux Falls/Chicago (USHL)
7/195. Melvin Novotny, LW, Leksand Jr. (Swe.)
7/199. Yevgeni Prokhorov, G, Bobruysk Jr. (Rus.)
7/219. Ryan Rucinski, C, Youngstown (USHL)

CALGARY FLAMES
1/18. Cole Reschny, C, Victoria (WHL)
1/32. Cullen Potter, C, Arizona St. (NCHC)
2/54. Theo Stockselius, C, Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)
3/80. Maceo Phillips, D, USA U18 (NTDP)
5/144. Ethan Wyttenbach, LW, Sioux Falls (USHL)
6/176. Aidan Lane, RW, St. Andrew's (CAHS)
7/208. Jakob Leander, D, HV71 Jr. (Swe.)
7/211. Yan Matveiko, LW, K.A. Moscow Jr. (Rus.)

CAROLINA HURRICANES
2/41. Semyon Frolov, G, Tog./Spartak/Krylia Jr. (Rus.)
2/49. Charlie Cerrato, C, Penn State (Big Ten)
2/62. Ivan Ryabkin, C, Muskegon (USHL)
3/67. Kurban Limatov, D, Dynamo Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
3/87. Roman Bausov, D, Dynamo St. Pete. Jr. (Rus.)
6/183. Viggo Nordlund, LW, Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)
7/221. Filip Ekberg, RW, Ottawa (OHL)

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS
1/3. Anton Frondell, C, Djurgarden (Swe.2)
1/25. Vaclav Nestrasil, RW, Muskegon (USHL)
1/29. Mason West, C, Edina (USHS)
3/66. Nathan Behm, RW, Kamloops (WHL)
4/98. Julius Sumpf, C, Moncton (QMJHL)
4/107. Parker Holmes, LW, Brantford (OHL)
6/162. Ashton Cumby, D, Seattle (WHL)
7/194. Ilya Kanarsky, G, AKM Tula Jr. (Rus.)

COLORADO AVALANCHE
3/77. Francesco Dell'Elce, D, UMass (HE)
4/118. Linus Funck, D, Lulea Jr. (Swe.)
7/214. Nolan Roed, C, Tri-City (USHL)

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS
1/14. Jackson Smith, D, Tri-City (WHL)
1/20. Pyotr Andreyanov, G, K.A. Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
3/76. Malte Vass, D, Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)
5/160. Owen Griffin, C, Oshawa (OHL)
6/173. Victor Hedin Raftheim, D, Brynas Jr. (Swe.)
7/198. Jeremy Loranger, C, Sherwood Park (BCHL)

DALLAS STARS
3/94. Cameron Schmidt, RW, Vancouver (WHL)
4/126. Brandon Gorzynski, C, Calgary (WHL)
5/146. Atte Joki, C, Lukko Jr. (Fin.)
5/158. Mans Goos, G, Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)
6/190. Dawson Sharkey, RW, Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)
7/222. Charlie Paquette, RW, Guelph (OHL)

DETROIT RED WINGS
1/13. Carter Bear, LW, Everett (WHL)
2/44. Eddie Genborg, RW, Linkoping (Swe.)
3/75. Michal Pradel, G, Slovakia Jr. (Svk.2)
4/109. Brent Solomon, RW, Champlin Park (USHS)
4/119. Michal Svrcek, LW, Brynas Jr. (Swe.)

FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

NO.	TEAM	PLAYER	POS.	HT./WT.	2024-25 TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
1.	NYI	Matthew Schaefer	D	6-2/183	Erie (OHL)	17	7	15	22	8
2.	SJ	Michael Misa	C	6-1/184	Saginaw (OHL)	65	62	72	134	45
3.	Chi	Anton Frondell	C	6-1/198	Djurgarden (Swe.2)	29	11	14	25	16
4.	Uth	Caleb Desnoyers	C	6-2/178	Moncton (QMJHL)	56	35	49	84	39
5.	Nsh	Brady Martin	C	6-0/185	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	57	33	39	72	68
6.	Phi	Porter Martone	RW	6-3/208	Brampton (OHL)	57	37	61	98	74
7.	Bos	James Hagens	C	5-11/177	Boston College (HE)	37	11	26	37	24
8.	Sea	Jake O'Brien	C	6-2/172	Brantford (OHL)	66	32	66	98	18
9.	Buf	Radim Mrtka	D	6-6/218	Seattle (WHL)	43	3	32	35	46
10.	Ana	Roger McQueen	C	6-5/197	Brandon (WHL)	17	10	10	20	40
11.	Pit	Benjamin Kindel	C	5-10/176	Calgary (WHL)	65	35	64	99	39
12.	Phi	Jack Nesbitt	C	6-4/185	Windsor (OHL)	65	25	39	64	74
13.	Det	Carter Bear	LW	6-0/179	Everett (WHL)	56	40	42	82	77
14.	Clb	Jackson Smith	D	6-3/195	Tri-City (WHL)	68	11	43	54	48
15.	Van	Braeden Cootes	C	5-11/183	Seattle (WHL)	60	26	37	63	18
16.	NYI	Victor Eklund	RW	5-11/161	Djurgarden (Swe.2)	42	19	12	31	37
17.	NYI	Kashawn Aitcheson	D	6-2/196	Barrie (OHL)	64	26	33	59	88
18.	Cgy	Cole Reschny	C	5-11/183	Victoria (WHL)	62	26	66	92	44
19.	StL	Justin Carbonneau	RW	6-1/191	Blain.-Bois. (QMJHL)	62	46	43	89	61
20.	Clb	Pyotr Andreyanov	G	6-0/207	K.A. Moscow Jr. (Rus.)	23-6-6	1.75 GAA		.942 SP	
21.	Nsh	Cameron Reid	D	6-0/179	Kitchener (OHL)	67	14	40	54	44
22.	Pit	Bill Zonnon	RW	6-2/185	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)	64	28	55	83	32
23.	Ott	Logan Hensler	D	6-2/192	Wisconsin (Big Ten)	32	2	10	12	27
24.	Pit	William Horcoff	C	6-5/190	USA U18 (NTDP)	28	8	6	14	34
25.	Chi	Vaclav Nestrasil	RW	6-5/187	Muskegon (USHL)	61	19	23	42	51
26.	Nsh	Ryker Lee	RW	6-0/185	Madison (USHL)	58	31	37	68	18
27.	Wsh	Lynden Lakovic	LW	6-4/190	Moose Jaw (WHL)	47	27	31	58	4
28.	Wpg	Sascha Boumedienne	D	6-1/175	Boston Univ. (HE)	40	3	10	13	33
29.	Chi	Mason West	C	6-6/215	Edina (USHS)	31	27	22	49	10
30.	SJ	Joshua Ravensbergen	G	6-5/190	Prince George (WHL)	33-13-4	3.00 GAA		.901 SP	
31.	LA	Henry Brzustewicz	D	6-2/203	London (OHL)	67	10	32	42	77
32.	Cgy	Cullen Potter	C	5-10/172	Arizona St. (NCHC)	35	13	9	22	6

5/140. Nikita Tyurin, D, Spartak Moscow Jr. (Rus.)
6/172. Will Murphy, D, Cape Breton (QMJHL)
7/204. Grayden Robertson-Palmer, C, Phillips (USHS)

EDMONTON OILERS
3/83. Tommy Lafreniere, RW, Kamloops (WHL)
4/117. David Lewandowski, LW, Saskatoon (WHL)
5/131. Asher Barnett, D, USA U18 (NTDP)
6/191. Daniel Salonen, G, Lukko Jr. (Fin.)
7/223. Aidan Park, C, Green Bay (USHL)

FLORIDA PANTHERS
4/112. Mads Kongsbak Klyvo, LW, Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)
4/128. Shea Busch, LW, Everett (WHL)
5/129. Shamar Moses, RW, Barrie/North Bay (OHL)
6/192. Arvid Drott, RW, Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)
7/197. Brendan Dunphy, D, Wenatchee (WHL)
7/224. Yegor Midlak, G, Spartak Moscow U18 (Rus.)

LOS ANGELES KINGS
1/31. Henry Brzustewicz, D, London (OHL)
2/59. Vojtech Cihar, LW, Karlovy Vary (Cze.)
3/88. Kristian Epperson, LW, Saginaw (OHL)
4/120. Caeden Herrington, D, Lincoln (USHL)
4/125. Jimmy Lombardi, C, Flint (OHL)
5/152. Petteri Rimpinen, G, Kiekko-Espoo (Fin.)
6/184. Jan Chovan, C, Tappara Jr. (Fin.)
7/196. Brendan McMorrow, C, Waterloo (USHL)
7/216. Will Sharpe, D, Lethbridge/Kelowna (WHL)

MINNESOTA WILD
2/52. Theodor Hallquisth, D, Orebro Jr. (Swe.)
4/102. Adam Benak, C, Youngstown (USHL)
4/121. Lirim Amidovski, RW, North Bay (OHL)
4/123. Carter Klippenstein, C, Brandon (WHL)
5/141. Justin Kipkie, D, Victoria (WHL)

MONTREAL CANADIENS
2/34. Alexander Zharovsky, RW, Ufa Jr. (Rus.)
3/69. Hayden Paupanekis, C, Spokane/Kelowna (WHL)
3/81. Bryce Pickford, D, Medicine Hat (WHL)
3/82. Arseni Radkov, G, Tyumen Jr. (Rus.)
4/113. John Mooney, C, USA U18 (NTDP)
5/145. Alexis Cournoyer, G, Cape Breton (QMJHL)
6/177. Carlos Handel, D, Halifax (QMJHL)
6/189. Andrew MacNiel, D, Kitchener (OHL)
7/209. Maxon Vig, D, Cedar Rapids (USHL)

NASHVILLE PREDATORS
1/5. Brady Martin, C, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
1/21. Cameron Reid, D, Kitchener (OHL)
1/26. Ryker Lee, RW, Madison (USHL)
2/35. Jacob Rombach, D, Lincoln (USHL)
2/58. Jack Ivankovic, G, Brampton (OHL)
4/122. Alex Huang, D, Chicoutimi (QMJHL)
6/163. Daniel Nieminen, D, Pelicans (Fin.)

NEW JERSEY DEVILS
2/50. Conrad Fondrk, C, USA U18 (NTDP)
2/63. Ben Kevan, RW, Des Moines (USHL)
3/90. Mason Moe, C, Madison (USHL)
4/99. Trenten Bennett, G, Kemptville (CCHL)
4/114. Gustav Hillstrom, C, Brynas Jr. (Swe.)
6/161. David Rozsival, RW, Liberec Jr. (Cze.)
6/178. Sigge Holmgren, D, Brynas Jr. (Swe.)

NEW YORK ISLANDERS
1/1. Matthew Schaefer, D, Erie (OHL)
1/16. Victor Eklund, RW, Djurgarden (Swe.2)
1/17. Kashawn Aitcheson, D, Barrie (OHL)
2/42. Daniil Prokhorov, RW, Dyn. St. Pete. Jr. (Rus.)
3/74. Luca Romano, C, Kitchener (OHL)
4/106. Tomas Poletin, LW, Pelicans Jr. (Fin.)
5/138. Sam Laurila, D, Fargo (USHL)
6/170. Burke Hood, G, Vancouver (WHL)
7/202. Jacob Kvasnicka, RW, USA U18 (NTDP)

NEW YORK RANGERS
2/43. Malcolm Spence, LW, Erie (OHL)
3/70. Sean Barnhill, D, Dubuque (USHL)
3/89. Artem Gonchar, D, Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)
4/111. Mikkel Eriksen, C, Farjestad Jr. (Swe.)
5/139. Zeb Lindgren, D, Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)
6/166. Samuel Jung, RW, Karpat Jr. (Fin.)
6/171. Evan Passmore, D, Barrie (OHL)
7/203. Felix Farhammar, D, Orebro Jr. (Swe.)

OTTAWA SENATORS
1/23. Logan Hensler, D, Wisconsin (Big Ten)
3/93. Blake Vanek, RW, Stillwater (USHS)
4/97. Lucas Beckman, G, Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)
5/149. Dmitri Isayev, LW, Yekaterinburg Jr. (Rus.)
6/181. Bruno Idzan, LW, Lincoln (USHL)
7/213. Andrei Trofimov, G, Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS
1/6. Porter Martone, RW, Brampton (OHL)
1/12. Jack Nesbitt, C, Windsor (OHL)
2/38. Carter Amico, D, USA U18 (NTDP)
2/40. Jack Murtagh, LW, USA U18 (NTDP)
2/48. Shane Vansaghi, RW, Michigan St. (Big Ten)
2/57. Matthew Gard, C, Red Deer (WHL)
5/132. Max Westergard, LW, Frolunda Jr. (Swe.)
5/157. Luke Vlooswyk, D, Red Deer (WHL)
6/164. Nathan Quinn, C, Quebec (QMJHL)

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
1/11. Benjamin Kindel, C, Calgary (WHL)
1/22. Bill Zonnon, RW, Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)
1/24. William Horcoff, C, USA U18 (NTDP)
2/39. Peyton Kettles, D, Swift Current (WHL)
3/73. Charlton Trethewey, D, USA U18 (NTDP)
3/84. Gabriel D'Aigle, G, Victoriaville (QMJHL)
3/91. Brady Peddle, D, Waterloo (USHL)
4/105. Travis Hayes, RW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
5/130. Ryan Miller, C, Portland (WHL)
5/148. Quinn Beauchesne, D, Guelph (OHL)
5/154. Jordan Charron, RW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
6/169. Carter Sanderson, LW, Muskegon (USHL)
7/201. Kale Dach, C, Sherwood Park (BCHL)

ST. LOUIS BLUES
1/19. Justin Carbonneau, RW, Blain.-Bois. (QMJHL)
5/147. Mikhail Fyodorov, RW, Magnitogorsk Jr. (Rus.)
6/179. Love Harenstam, G, Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)

SAN JOSE SHARKS
1/2. Michael Misa, C, Saginaw (OHL)
1/30. Joshua Ravensbergen, G, Prince George (WHL)
2/33. Simon Wang, D, King (OJHL)
2/53. Cole McKinney, C, USA U18 (NTDP)
3/95. Teddy Mutryn, C, Chicago/USA U18 (USHL)
4/115. Ilyas Magomedsultanov, D, Loko-76/Loko Jr. (Rus.)
4/124. Zachary Sharp, D, Western Michigan (NCHC)
5/150. Max Heise, C, Penticton (BCHL)
7/210. Richard Gallant, LW, USA U18 (NTDP)

SEATTLE KRAKEN
1/8. Jake O'Brien, C, Brantford (OHL)
2/36. Blake Fiddler, D, Edmonton (WHL)
3/68. Will Reynolds, D, Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL)
5/134. Maxim Agafonov, D, Ufa Jr. (Rus.)
7/205. Karl Annborn, D, HV71 Jr. (Swe.)
7/218. Loke Krantz, RW, Linkoping Jr. (Swe.)

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING
2/56. Ethan Czata, C, Niagara (OHL)
4/108. Benjamin Rautiainen, C, Tappara (Fin.)
4/127. Aiden Foster, C, Prince George (WHL)
5/151. Everett Baldwin, D, St. George's (USHS)
7/193. Caleb Heil, G, Madison (USHL)
7/206. Roman Luttsev, C, Loko-76/Loko Jr. (Rus.)
7/212. Grant Spada, D, Guelph (OHL)
7/215. Marco Mignosa, RW, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS
2/64. Tinus-Luc Koblar, C, Leksand Jr. (Swe.)
3/86. Tyler Hopkins, C, Kingston (OHL)
5/137. William Belle, RW, USA U18 (NTDP)
5/153. Harry Nansi, RW, Owen Sound (OHL)
6/185. Rylan Fellinger, D, Flint (OHL)
7/217. Matthew Hlacar, LW, Kitchener (OHL)

UTAH MAMMOTH
1/4. Caleb Desnoyers, C, Moncton (QMJHL)
2/46. Max Psenicka, D, Portland (WHL)
3/78. Stepan Hoch, LW, Ceske Budejovice Jr. (Cze.)
4/110. Yegor Borikov, RW, Minsk (KHL)
5/142. Ivan Tkach-Tkachenko, G, Ufa Jr. (Rus.)
6/174. Ludvig Johnson, D, Zug (Sui.)
6/182. Reko Alanko, D, Jokerit U18 (Fin.)

VANCOUVER CANUCKS
1/15. Braeden Cootes, C, Seattle (WHL)
2/47. Aleksei Medvedev, G, London (OHL)
3/65. Kieren Dervin, C, St. Andrew's (CAHS)
5/143. Wilson Bjorck, C, Djurgarden Jr. (Swe.)
6/175. Gabriel Chiarot, RW, Brampton (OHL)
7/207. Matthew Lansing, C, Waterloo/Fargo (USHL)

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS
2/55. Jakob Ihs Wozniak, C, Lulea Jr. (Swe.)
3/85. Mateo Nobert, C, Blain.-Bois. (QMJHL)
6/186. Alexander Weiermair, C, Portland (WHL)
6/187. Gustav Sjoqvist, D, AIK (Swe.2)

WASHINGTON CAPITALS
1/27.. Lynden Lakovic, LW, Moose Jaw (WHL)
2/37. Milton Gastrin, C, Modo Jr. (Swe.)
3/96. Maxim Schafer, LW, Berlin (Ger.)
5/155. Jackson Crowder, C, Sioux City/Chicago (USHL)
6/180. Aron Dahlqvist, D, Brynas Jr. (Swe.)

WINNIPEG JETS
1/28. Sascha Boumedienne, D, Boston Univ. (HE)
3/92. Owen Martin, C, Spokane (WHL)
5/156. Viktor Klingsell, RW, Skelleftea Jr. (Swe.)
6/188. Edison Engle, D, Des Moines/Dubuque (USHL)
7/220. Jacob Cloutier, RW, Saginaw (OHL)

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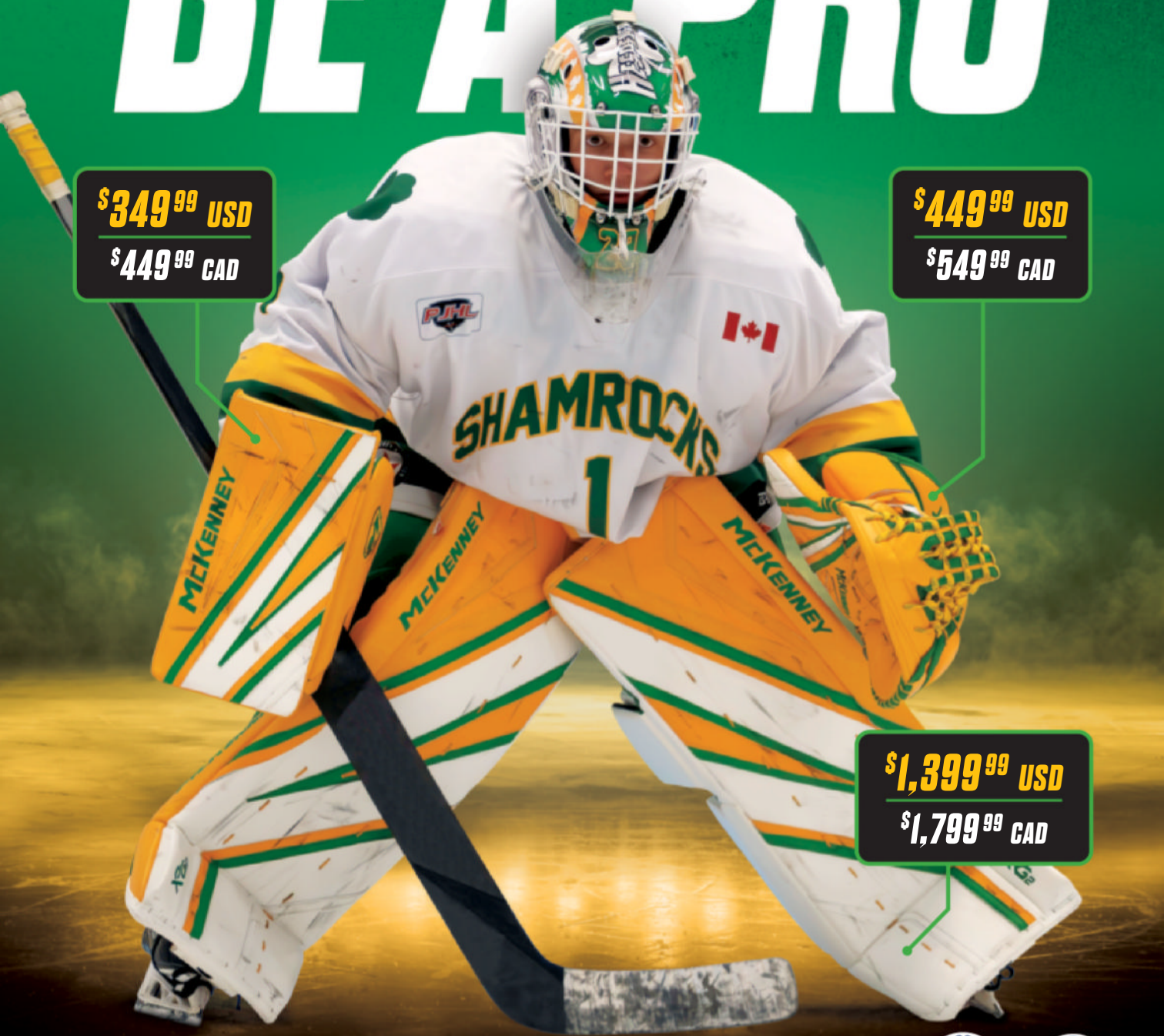

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OCTOBER

VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Tuesday, Oct. 7		
Chicago	Florida	5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Colorado	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 8		
Montreal	Toronto	7:00 PM
Boston	Washington	7:30 PM
Calgary	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Los Angeles	Vegas	10:00 PM
Thursday, Oct. 9		
Chicago	Boston	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Montreal	Detroit	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Florida	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Carolina	7:00 PM
Minnesota	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Columbus	Nashville	8:00 PM
Dallas	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Utah	Colorado	9:00 PM
Calgary	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Vegas	San Jose	10:00 PM
Anaheim	Seattle	10:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 11		
Los Angeles	Winnipeg	1:30 PM
St. Louis	Calgary	4:00 PM
Buffalo	Boston	7:00 PM
Toronto	Detroit	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Florida	7:00 PM
Washington	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Carolina	7:00 PM
Montreal	Chicago	7:00 PM
Utah	Nashville	8:00 PM
Columbus	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Dallas	Colorado	9:00 PM
Vancouver	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Anaheim	San Jose	10:00 PM
Vegas	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 12		
Washington	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Monday, Oct. 13		
Colorado	Buffalo	12:30 PM
Tampa Bay	Boston	1:00 PM
Nashville	Ottawa	1:00 PM
Winnipeg	NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Detroit	Toronto	4:00 PM
Florida	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Columbus	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Vancouver	7:30 PM
Los Angeles	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Utah	Chicago	8:30 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 14		
Nashville	Toronto	7:00 PM
Seattle	Montreal	7:00 PM
Edmonton	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Washington	7:00 PM
Vegas	Calgary	9:00 PM
Minnesota	Dallas	9:30 PM
Carolina	San Jose	10:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Anaheim	10:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 15		
Ottawa	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Florida	Detroit	7:00 PM
Chicago	St. Louis	9:30 PM
Calgary	Utah	9:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 16		
NY Rangers	Toronto	7:00 PM
Nashville	Montreal	7:00 PM
Seattle	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Florida	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Edmonton	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Colorado	Columbus	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Dallas	8:00 PM
Boston	Vegas	10:00 PM
Carolina	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 17		
Tampa Bay	Detroit	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Washington	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Chicago	8:30 PM
San Jose	Utah	9:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 18		
Florida	Buffalo	1:00 PM
NY Islanders	Ottawa	3:00 PM
Edmonton	New Jersey	3:30 PM
Seattle	Toronto	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Montreal	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Columbus	7:00 PM
Dallas	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Nashville	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Boston	Colorado	9:00 PM
Carolina	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Calgary	Vegas	10:00 PM
Pittsburgh	San Jose	10:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 19		
Vancouver	Washington	12:30 PM
Edmonton	Detroit	3:00 PM
Anaheim	Chicago	7:00 PM
Boston	Utah	7:00 PM
Monday, Oct. 20		
Minnesota	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Seattle	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Montreal	7:30 PM
Winnipeg	Calgary	9:30 PM
Carolina	Vegas	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 21		
New Jersey	Toronto	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Ottawa	7:00 PM
San Jose	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Seattle	Washington	7:00 PM
Florida	Boston	7:30 PM
Los Angeles	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Anaheim	Nashville	8:00 PM
Columbus	Dallas	8:00 PM
Colorado	Utah	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 22		
Minnesota	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Detroit	Buffalo	7:30 PM
Montreal	Calgary	8:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 23		
Anaheim	Boston	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Chicago	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Florida	7:00 PM
Detroit	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
San Jose	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Utah	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Vancouver	Nashville	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Dallas	8:00 PM
Seattle	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Carolina	Colorado	9:00 PM
Montreal	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 24		
Toronto	Buffalo	7:00 PM
San Jose	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Washington	Columbus	7:00 PM
Calgary	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 25		
NY Islanders	Philadelphia	12:30 PM
Colorado	Boston	3:00 PM
Anaheim	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Vegas	Florida	6:00 PM
Utah	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Buffalo	Toronto	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Detroit	7:00 PM
Columbus	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Washington	7:00 PM
Montreal	Vancouver	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Nashville	8:00 PM
Carolina	Dallas	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 26		
Colorado	New Jersey	1:00 PM
Vegas	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
San Jose	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Utah	Winnipeg	6:00 PM
Los Angeles	Chicago	7:00 PM
Dallas	Nashville	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Calgary	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Monday, Oct. 27		
St. Louis	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Boston	Ottawa	7:30 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 28		
Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	6:00 PM
Calgary	Toronto	6:30 PM
Columbus	Buffalo	6:45 PM
Anaheim	Florida	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Boston	7:15 PM
Vegas	Carolina	7:30 PM
Tampa Bay	Nashville	7:45 PM
Winnipeg	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Detroit	St. Louis	8:15 PM
Washington	Dallas	8:30 PM
Ottawa	Chicago	8:45 PM
New Jersey	Colorado	9:00 PM
Utah	Edmonton	9:30 PM
NY Rangers	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Montreal	Seattle	10:30 PM
Los Angeles	San Jose	11:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 29		
Toronto	Columbus	7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 30		
Buffalo	Boston	7:00 PM
Calgary	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Dallas	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Nashville	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Carolina	7:00 PM
Vancouver	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Chicago	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
NY Rangers	Edmonton	9:00 PM
New Jersey	San Jose	10:00 PM
Detroit	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, Oct. 31		
Colorado	Vegas	4:00 PM
NY Islanders	Washington	7:00 PM
Detroit	Anaheim	10:00 PM

NOVEMBER

VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Saturday, Nov. 1		
Carolina	Boston	1:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Winnipeg	3:00 PM
Calgary	Nashville	3:30 PM
Colorado	San Jose	4:00 PM
Dallas	Florida	6:00 PM
Washington	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Montreal	7:00 PM
Toronto	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Columbus	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Minnesota	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Chicago	Edmonton	10:00 PM
NY Rangers	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 2		
Tampa Bay	Utah	3:30 PM
Columbus	NY Islanders	5:00 PM
Calgary	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Anaheim	8:00 PM
Detroit	San Jose	8:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 3		
Pittsburgh	Toronto	7:30 PM
Edmonton	St. Louis	8:30 PM
Vancouver	Nashville	8:30 PM
Chicago	Seattle	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 4		
Utah	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Montreal	7:00 PM
Boston	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Carolina	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Dallas	8:00 PM
Nashville	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Colorado	9:30 PM
Detroit	Vegas	10:00 PM
Florida	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Winnipeg	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 5		
Utah	Toronto	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Washington	7:30 PM
Columbus	Calgary	9:30 PM
Chicago	Vancouver	10:00 PM
San Jose	Seattle	10:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 6		
Ottawa	Boston	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Montreal	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Washington	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Carolina	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Nashville	8:00 PM
Anaheim	Dallas	8:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Vegas	10:00 PM
Florida	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 7		
NY Rangers	Detroit	7:00 PM
Minnesota	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Chicago	Calgary	9:00 PM
Winnipeg	San Jose	10:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 8		
Pittsburgh	New Jersey	12:30 PM
Ottawa	Philadelphia	1:00 PM
Dallas	Nashville	3:30 PM
Boston	Toronto	7:00 PM
Utah	Montreal	7:00 PM
Washington	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Carolina	7:00 PM
Seattle	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Colorado	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Columbus	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Anaheim	Vegas	10:00 PM
Florida	San Jose	10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 9		
Chicago	Detroit	1:00 PM
Los Angeles	Pittsburgh	2:00 PM
Carolina	Toronto	7:00 PM
Utah	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Seattle	Dallas	7:00 PM
Calgary	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Colorado	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Winnipeg	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 10		
NY Islanders	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Nashville	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Columbus	Edmonton	8:30 PM
Florida	Vegas	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 11		
Toronto	Boston	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Montreal	7:00 PM
Dallas	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Washington	Carolina	7:00 PM
Calgary	St. Louis	8:00 PM
San Jose	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Anaheim	Colorado	9:30 PM
Winnipeg	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Columbus	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 12		
NY Rangers	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Buffalo	Utah	9:00 PM
New Jersey	Chicago	9:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 13		
Los Angeles	Toronto	7:00 PM
Dallas	Montreal	7:00 PM
Boston	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Detroit	7:00 PM
Washington	Florida	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Columbus	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Colorado	9:00 PM
San Jose	Calgary	9:00 PM
NY Islanders	Vegas	10:00 PM
Winnipeg	Seattle	10:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 14		
Pittsburgh	Nashville	2:00 PM
Vancouver	Carolina	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	St. Louis	8:00 PM
NY Islanders	Utah	9:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 15		
Tampa Bay	Florida	6:00 PM
Anaheim	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Boston	Montreal	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Detroit	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Washington	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Carolina	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Columbus	7:00 PM
Toronto	Chicago	7:00 PM
Vegas	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Philadelphia	Dallas	8:00 PM
Winnipeg	Calgary	10:00 PM
San Jose	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 16		
Nashville	Pittsburgh	9:00 AM
Vancouver	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Vegas	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Detroit	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Colorado	9:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 17		
Carolina	Boston	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Florida	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Washington	7:00 PM
Montreal	Columbus	7:30 PM
Utah	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 18		
St. Louis	Toronto	7:00 PM
Seattle	Detroit	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Dallas	8:00 PM
Columbus	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Calgary	Chicago	8:30 PM
NY Rangers	Vegas	10:00 PM
Utah	San Jose	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 19		
Edmonton	Washington	7:00 PM
Calgary	Buffalo	7:30 PM
Carolina	Minnesota	9:30 PM
Boston	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 20		
Columbus	Toronto	7:00 PM
Washington	Montreal	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Detroit	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Florida	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Seattle	Chicago	8:00 PM
NY Rangers	Colorado	9:00 PM
Vegas	Utah	9:00 PM
Dallas	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Ottawa	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Los Angeles	San Jose	10:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 21		
Chicago	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Carolina	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Boston	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 22		
Columbus	Detroit	1:00 PM
St. Louis	NY Islanders	3:30 PM
Toronto	Montreal	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Florida	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Seattle	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Washington	7:00 PM
Ottawa	San Jose	7:00 PM
Colorado	Nashville	8:00 PM
NY Rangers	Utah	9:00 PM
Dallas	Calgary	10:00 PM
Vegas	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 23		
Carolina	Buffalo	1:00 PM
Minnesota	Winnipeg	4:00 PM
Seattle	NY Islanders	5:00 PM
Colorado	Chicago	7:00 PM
Boston	San Jose	8:00 PM
Calgary	Vancouver	9:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 24		
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Detroit	New Jersey	7:00 PM
St. Louis	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Columbus	Washington	7:00 PM
Florida	Nashville	8:00 PM
Vegas	Utah	9:00 PM
Ottawa	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 25		
Dallas	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 26		
Nashville	Detroit	7:00 PM
Calgary	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM

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VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Philadelphia	Florida	7:00 PM
St. Louis	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Boston	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Washington	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Carolina	7:00 PM
Toronto	Columbus	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Chicago	8:30 PM
San Jose	Colorado	9:00 PM
Montreal	Utah	9:30 PM
Ottawa	Vegas	10:00 PM
Vancouver	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Dallas	Seattle	10:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 28		
NY Rangers	Boston	1:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Detroit	1:00 PM
Colorado	Minnesota	3:30 PM
New Jersey	Buffalo	4:00 PM
Calgary	Florida	4:00 PM
Philadelphia	NY Islanders	4:00 PM
Ottawa	St. Louis	4:00 PM
Montreal	Vegas	4:00 PM
Los Angeles	Anaheim	4:00 PM
Vancouver	San Jose	4:00 PM
Toronto	Washington	5:00 PM
Winnipeg	Carolina	5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Columbus	7:00 PM
Nashville	Chicago	8:00 PM
Utah	Dallas	9:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 29		
Tampa Bay	NY Rangers	2:00 PM
Montreal	Colorado	3:00 PM
Edmonton	Seattle	4:00 PM
Detroit	Boston	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Toronto	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Nashville	7:00 PM
Utah	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Buffalo	Minnesota	8:00 PM
San Jose	Vegas	10:00 PM
Vancouver	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 30		
Washington	NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Anaheim	Chicago	3:30 PM
Calgary	Carolina	5:00 PM
Ottawa	Dallas	6:00 PM

DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 1		
Columbus	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Buffalo	7:30 PM
Anaheim	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Utah	San Jose	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 2		
Ottawa	Montreal	7:00 PM
Boston	Detroit	7:00 PM
Toronto	Florida	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Dallas	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Calgary	Nashville	8:00 PM
Vancouver	Colorado	9:00 PM
Minnesota	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Chicago	Vegas	10:00 PM
Washington	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 3		
Dallas	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Montreal	7:30 PM
Buffalo	Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Utah	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Washington	San Jose	10:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 4		
St. Louis	Boston	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Nashville	Florida	7:00 PM
Colorado	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Toronto	Carolina	7:00 PM
Detroit	Columbus	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Calgary	9:00 PM
Seattle	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Chicago	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 5		
Vegas	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
San Jose	Dallas	8:00 PM
Utah	Vancouver	9:00 PM
Washington	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 6		
Colorado	NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Columbus	Florida	3:30 PM
New Jersey	Boston	7:00 PM
Montreal	Toronto	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Ottawa	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Nashville	Carolina	7:00 PM
Utah	Calgary	7:00 PM
Chicago	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Winnipeg	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Minnesota	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Detroit	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 7		
Colorado	Philadelphia	1:00 PM
NY Islanders	Florida	5:00 PM
San Jose	Carolina	5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Dallas	6:00 PM
St. Louis	Montreal	7:00 PM
Vegas	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Columbus	Washington	7:00 PM
Chicago	Anaheim	8:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 8		
Tampa Bay	Toronto	7:30 PM
Los Angeles	Utah	9:00 PM
Buffalo	Calgary	9:00 PM
Detroit	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Minnesota	Seattle	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 9		
Tampa Bay	Montreal	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Vegas	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
San Jose	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Columbus	Carolina	7:00 PM
Boston	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Dallas	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Buffalo	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Colorado	Nashville	9:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 10		
NY Rangers	Chicago	7:30 PM
Detroit	Calgary	8:30 PM
Florida	Utah	10:00 PM
Los Angeles	Seattle	10:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 11		
San Jose	Toronto	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Anaheim	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Vegas	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Montreal	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Carolina	Washington	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Columbus	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Nashville	8:00 PM
Dallas	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Boston	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Florida	Colorado	9:00 PM
Detroit	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Buffalo	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Friday, Dec. 12		
Chicago	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Seattle	Utah	9:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 13		
Anaheim	New Jersey	12:30 PM
Ottawa	Minnesota	2:00 PM
San Jose	Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Tampa Bay	NY Islanders	3:30 PM
Edmonton	Toronto	7:00 PM
Montreal	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Carolina	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Vegas	Columbus	7:00 PM
Washington	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Detroit	Chicago	8:00 PM
Florida	Dallas	8:00 PM
Nashville	Colorado	9:00 PM
Calgary	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 14		
Vancouver	New Jersey	12:30 PM
Utah	Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Philadelphia	Carolina	5:00 PM
Boston	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Edmonton	Montreal	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Seattle	8:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 15		
Florida	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Anaheim	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Nashville	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Dallas	8:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 16		
Utah	Boston	7:00 PM
Chicago	Toronto	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Montreal	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Detroit	7:00 PM
Vancouver	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Columbus	7:00 PM
Washington	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Calgary	San Jose	10:00 PM
Colorado	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 17		
Los Angeles	Florida	7:00 PM
Utah	Detroit	7:30 PM
Winnipeg	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Carolina	Nashville	8:00 PM
New Jersey	Vegas	10:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 18		
Edmonton	Boston	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Chicago	Montreal	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Toronto	Washington	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Columbus	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Seattle	Calgary	9:00 PM
Dallas	San Jose	10:00 PM
Friday, Dec. 19		
Carolina	Florida	7:00 PM
Vancouver	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Colorado	9:00 PM
New Jersey	Utah	9:00 PM
Dallas	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 20		
Philadelphia	NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Detroit	Washington	12:30 PM
Chicago	Ottawa	3:00 PM
Edmonton	Minnesota	3:00 PM
NY Islanders	Buffalo	5:00 PM
St. Louis	Florida	6:00 PM
Vancouver	Boston	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Montreal	7:00 PM
Carolina	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Toronto	Nashville	7:00 PM
Vegas	Calgary	10:00 PM
Columbus	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Seattle	San Jose	10:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 21		
Washington	Detroit	1:00 PM
Colorado	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Ottawa	Boston	7:00 PM
Buffalo	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Montreal	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Nashville	7:00 PM
Toronto	Dallas	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Utah	7:00 PM
Vegas	Edmonton	8:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 22		
St. Louis	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Seattle	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Columbus	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 23		
Pittsburgh	Toronto	4:00 PM
NY Rangers	Washington	6:30 PM
Montreal	Boston	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Dallas	Detroit	7:00 PM
New Jersey	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Florida	Carolina	7:00 PM
Nashville	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Philadelphia	Chicago	9:00 PM
Utah	Colorado	9:00 PM
Calgary	Edmonton	9:00 PM
San Jose	Vegas	10:00 PM
Seattle	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 27		
NY Rangers	NY Islanders	6:00 PM
Boston	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Toronto	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Florida	7:00 PM
Washington	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Detroit	Carolina	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Nashville	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Chicago	Dallas	8:00 PM
Anaheim	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Edmonton	Calgary	10:00 PM
San Jose	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Colorado	Vegas	10:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 28		
Toronto	Detroit	5:00 PM
Montreal	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
NY Islanders	Columbus	5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Chicago	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Seattle	8:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 29		
Columbus	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Washington	Florida	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Carolina	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Buffalo	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Colorado	9:00 PM
Nashville	Utah	9:00 PM
Boston	Calgary	9:00 PM
Minnesota	Vegas	10:00 PM
San Jose	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Vancouver	Seattle	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 30		
New Jersey	Toronto	7:00 PM
Montreal	Florida	7:00 PM
Carolina	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Chicago	8:30 PM
Philadelphia	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 31		
NY Rangers	Washington	12:30 PM
Nashville	Vegas	3:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Anaheim	4:00 PM
Minnesota	San Jose	4:00 PM
Winnipeg	Detroit	6:30 PM
New Jersey	Columbus	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Dallas	8:00 PM
St. Louis	Colorado	9:00 PM
Philadelphia	Calgary	9:30 PM
Boston	Edmonton	9:30 PM

JANUARY

Thursday, Jan. 1		
Washington	Ottawa	1:00 PM
Utah	NY Islanders	3:00 PM
Winnipeg	Toronto	7:00 PM
Detroit	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Montreal	Carolina	7:00 PM
Dallas	Chicago	8:30 PM
Nashville	Seattle	10:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, Jan. 2		
Vegas	St. Louis	3:00 PM
NY Rangers	Florida	8:00 PM
Seattle	Vancouver	10:30 PM
Minnesota	Anaheim	10:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 3		
Pittsburgh	Detroit	12:00 PM
Utah	New Jersey	3:00 PM
Buffalo	Columbus	3:00 PM
Philadelphia	Edmonton	3:30 PM
Montreal	St. Louis	4:00 PM
Tampa Bay	San Jose	4:00 PM
Winnipeg	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Toronto	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Chicago	Washington	7:00 PM
Colorado	Carolina	7:00 PM
Nashville	Calgary	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Boston	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 4		
Montreal	Dallas	2:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Columbus	3:00 PM
Colorado	Florida	5:00 PM
Carolina	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Vegas	Chicago	7:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 5		
Utah	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Washington	7:00 PM
Detroit	Ottawa	7:30 PM
Seattle	Calgary	9:30 PM
Minnesota	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 6		
Vancouver	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Colorado	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
New Jersey	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Dallas	Carolina	7:00 PM
Florida	Toronto	7:30 PM
Vegas	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Nashville	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Columbus	San Jose	10:00 PM
Boston	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 7		
Dallas	Washington	7:00 PM
Calgary	Montreal	7:30 PM
St. Louis	Chicago	9:30 PM
Ottawa	Utah	9:30 PM
San Jose	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Thursday, Jan. 8		
Calgary	Boston	7:00 PM
Florida	Montreal	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Detroit	7:00 PM
Buffalo	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Toronto	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Carolina	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Nashville	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Ottawa	Colorado	9:00 PM
Columbus	Vegas	10:00 PM
Minnesota	Seattle	10:00 PM
Friday, Jan. 9		
Washington	Chicago	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
St. Louis	Utah	9:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 10		
NY Rangers	Boston	1:00 PM
Calgary	Pittsburgh	3:30 PM
Columbus	Colorado	4:00 PM
Dallas	San Jose	4:00 PM
Anaheim	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Toronto	7:00 PM
Detroit	Montreal	7:00 PM
Florida	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Seattle	Carolina	7:00 PM
Chicago	Nashville	8:00 PM
NY Islanders	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Edmonton	10:00 PM
St. Louis	Vegas	10:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 11		
New Jersey	Winnipeg	2:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Boston	5:00 PM
Washington	Nashville	7:00 PM
Columbus	Utah	7:00 PM
Vegas	San Jose	8:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 12		
Florida	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Carolina	Detroit	7:00 PM
Seattle	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Montreal	7:30 PM
New Jersey	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Chicago	8:30 PM
Toronto	Colorado	10:00 PM
Dallas	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 13		
Vancouver	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Montreal	Washington	7:00 PM
Calgary	Columbus	7:00 PM
Detroit	Boston	7:30 PM
Carolina	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Nashville	8:00 PM

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National HOCKEY LEAGUE

VISITOR	HOME	TIME
NY Islanders	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Toronto	Utah	9:00 PM
Dallas	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 14		
Seattle	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Buffalo	7:30 PM
Ottawa	NY Rangers	7:30 PM
Vegas	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 15		
Seattle	Boston	7:00 PM
Montreal	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
San Jose	Washington	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Columbus	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Calgary	Chicago	8:30 PM
Dallas	Utah	9:00 PM
NY Islanders	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Toronto	Vegas	9:30 PM
Friday, Jan. 16		
San Jose	Detroit	7:00 PM
Florida	Carolina	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Nashville	Colorado	9:00 PM
Anaheim	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 17		
Minnesota	Buffalo	12:30 PM
NY Rangers	Philadelphia	1:00 PM
NY Islanders	Calgary	3:00 PM
Seattle	Utah	5:00 PM
Montreal	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Carolina	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Columbus	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Florida	Washington	7:00 PM
Toronto	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Boston	Chicago	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Nashville	Vegas	10:00 PM
Los Angeles	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 18		
Tampa Bay	Dallas	2:00 PM
Ottawa	Detroit	5:00 PM
St. Louis	Edmonton	8:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 19		
Buffalo	Carolina	1:30 PM
Washington	Colorado	4:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Seattle	5:00 PM
San Jose	Florida	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Toronto	7:30 PM
Philadelphia	Vegas	8:00 PM
Winnipeg	Chicago	8:30 PM
New Jersey	Calgary	9:00 PM
NY Islanders	Vancouver	10:00 PM
NY Rangers	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 20		
Minnesota	Montreal	7:00 PM
San Jose	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Columbus	7:00 PM
Boston	Dallas	7:30 PM
Buffalo	Nashville	8:00 PM
St. Louis	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
New Jersey	Edmonton	10:00 PM
NY Rangers	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 21		
Detroit	Toronto	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Colorado	9:00 PM
Philadelphia	Utah	9:30 PM
Pittsburgh	Calgary	9:30 PM
Washington	Vancouver	10:00 PM
NY Islanders	Seattle	10:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 22		
Vegas	Boston	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Montreal	7:00 PM
Chicago	Carolina	7:00 PM
Dallas	Columbus	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Nashville	8:00 PM
Florida	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Detroit	Minnesota	9:30 PM
Friday, Jan. 23		
Vegas	Toronto	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Chicago	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Dallas	8:00 PM
Philadelphia	Colorado	9:00 PM
Washington	Calgary	9:00 PM
New Jersey	Vancouver	10:00 PM
NY Rangers	San Jose	10:00 PM
Anaheim	Seattle	10:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 24		
Buffalo	NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Utah	Nashville	3:30 PM
Montreal	Boston	7:00 PM
Carolina	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Columbus	7:00 PM
Detroit	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Florida	Minnesota	9:00 PM
Washington	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 25		
Colorado	Toronto	2:00 PM
New Jersey	Seattle	4:00 PM
Vegas	Ottawa	5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Vancouver	6:00 PM
Florida	Chicago	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Calgary	8:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 26		
Utah	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Boston	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Columbus	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Edmonton	8:30 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 27		
Nashville	Boston	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Toronto	7:00 PM
Vegas	Montreal	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Detroit	7:00 PM
Utah	Florida	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Dallas	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Chicago	Minnesota	8:00 PM
San Jose	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Washington	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 28		
Philadelphia	Columbus	7:00 PM
Colorado	Ottawa	7:30 PM
NY Rangers	NY Islanders	7:30 PM
Thursday, Jan. 29		
Philadelphia	Boston	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Colorado	Montreal	7:00 PM
Washington	Detroit	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Nashville	New Jersey	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Chicago	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Utah	Carolina	7:00 PM
Florida	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Calgary	Minnesota	8:00 PM
San Jose	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Anaheim	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Dallas	Vegas	10:00 PM
Toronto	Seattle	10:00 PM
Friday, Jan. 30		
Columbus	Chicago	8:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 31		
Los Angeles	Philadelphia	12:30 PM
Colorado	Detroit	1:00 PM
NY Rangers	Pittsburgh	3:30 PM
Winnipeg	Florida	4:00 PM
San Jose	Calgary	4:00 PM
Carolina	Washington	5:00 PM
Montreal	Buffalo	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Nashville	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Columbus	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Toronto	Vancouver	7:00 PM
Dallas	Utah	9:00 PM
Minnesota	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Seattle	Vegas	10:00 PM
FEBRUARY		
Sunday, Feb. 1		
Boston	Tampa Bay	TBD
Los Angeles	Carolina	3:00 PM
Vegas	Anaheim	9:30 PM
Monday, Feb. 2		
Buffalo	Florida	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Washington	7:00 PM
Montreal	Minnesota	7:30 PM
St. Louis	Nashville	8:00 PM
San Jose	Chicago	8:30 PM
Winnipeg	Dallas	8:30 PM
Detroit	Colorado	9:00 PM
Vancouver	Utah	9:30 PM
Toronto	Calgary	10:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 3		
Buffalo	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Columbus	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Washington	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Carolina	7:00 PM
Toronto	Edmonton	8:30 PM
Seattle	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 4		
Boston	Florida	7:00 PM
Chicago	Columbus	7:00 PM
Montreal	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Nashville	8:00 PM
San Jose	Colorado	9:00 PM
Detroit	Utah	9:00 PM
St. Louis	Dallas	9:30 PM
Edmonton	Calgary	10:00 PM
Vancouver	Vegas	10:00 PM
Seattle	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 5		
Pittsburgh	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Florida	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Carolina	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Nashville	Washington	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	Vegas	10:00 PM
Feb. 11-22		
2026 Olympic Tournament		
Wednesday, Feb. 25		
Buffalo	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Washington	7:00 PM
Toronto	Tampa Bay	7:30 PM
Seattle	Dallas	8:00 PM
Colorado	Utah	9:00 PM
Winnipeg	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Vegas	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Edmonton	Anaheim	10:30 PM
Thursday, Feb. 26		
Columbus	Boston	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Montreal	7:00 PM
Detroit	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Toronto	Florida	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Carolina	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	NY Rangers	8:00 PM
Seattle	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Chicago	Nashville	8:00 PM
Minnesota	Colorado	9:00 PM
Calgary	San Jose	10:00 PM
Edmonton	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, Feb. 27		
Buffalo	Florida	7:00 PM
Vegas	Washington	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Utah	9:00 PM
Winnipeg	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 28		
Pittsburgh	NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Boston	Philadelphia	3:00 PM
Edmonton	San Jose	4:00 PM
NY Islanders	Columbus	6:00 PM
Chicago	Colorado	6:00 PM
Ottawa	Toronto	7:00 PM
Washington	Montreal	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Detroit	Carolina	7:00 PM
New Jersey	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Calgary	Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Nashville	Dallas	8:00 PM
Vancouver	Seattle	10:00 PM
MARCH		
Sunday, March 1		
Vegas	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM
Florida	NY Islanders	4:00 PM
Chicago	Utah	4:00 PM
Winnipeg	San Jose	4:00 PM
St. Louis	Minnesota	6:30 PM
Calgary	Anaheim	8:00 PM
Monday, March 2		
Columbus	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Toronto	7:30 PM
Detroit	Nashville	8:00 PM
Dallas	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Carolina	Seattle	10:00 PM
Colorado	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tuesday, March 3		
Pittsburgh	Boston	7:00 PM
Vegas	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Florida	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Utah	Washington	7:00 PM
Nashville	Columbus	7:00 PM
Chicago	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Dallas	Calgary	9:00 PM
Ottawa	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Minnesota	9:30 PM
Colorado	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Montreal	San Jose	10:00 PM
Wednesday, March 4		
Vegas	Detroit	7:00 PM
Toronto	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Carolina	Vancouver	10:00 PM
NY Islanders	Anaheim	10:00 PM
St. Louis	Seattle	10:00 PM
Thursday, March 5		
Toronto	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Utah	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Florida	Columbus	7:00 PM
Boston	Nashville	8:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Ottawa	Calgary	9:00 PM
NY Islanders	Los Angeles	9:30 PM
Friday, March 6		
Florida	Detroit	7:00 PM
Colorado	Dallas	8:00 PM
Vancouver	Chicago	8:30 PM
Carolina	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Montreal	Anaheim	9:00 PM
Minnesota	Vegas	10:00 PM
St. Louis	San Jose	10:00 PM
Saturday, March 7		
Washington	Boston	12:30 PM
NY Rangers	New Jersey	3:00 PM
Nashville	Buffalo	5:30 PM
Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	5:30 PM
Tampa Bay	Toronto	7:00 PM
Utah	Columbus	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Montreal	Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Carolina	Calgary	10:00 PM
NY Islanders	San Jose	10:00 PM
Ottawa	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, March 8		
Minnesota	Colorado	2:00 PM
Boston	Pittsburgh	4:30 PM
Tampa Bay	Buffalo	6:00 PM
Chicago	Dallas	6:00 PM
Detroit	New Jersey	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Anaheim	9:00 PM
Edmonton	Vegas	9:30 PM
Monday, March 9		
NY Rangers	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Calgary	Washington	7:00 PM
Utah	Chicago	8:30 PM
Ottawa	Vancouver	9:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10		
Los Angeles	Boston	7:00 PM
San Jose	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Toronto	Montreal	7:00 PM
Columbus	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Detroit	Florida	7:00 PM
Calgary	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Carolina	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	St. Louis	7:30 PM
Vegas	Dallas	8:00 PM
Utah	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Anaheim	Winnipeg	8:30 PM
Edmonton	Colorado	10:00 PM
Nashville	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11		
Montreal	Ottawa	7:30 PM
Washington	Philadelphia	7:30 PM
Thursday, March 12		
San Jose	Boston	7:00 PM
Washington	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Toronto	7:00 PM
Detroit	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Columbus	Florida	7:00 PM
Calgary	New Jersey	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Carolina	7:00 PM
Edmonton	Dallas	8:00 PM
Philadelphia	Minnesota	8:00 PM
NY Rangers	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Chicago	Utah	9:00 PM
Nashville	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Vegas	10:00 PM
Colorado	Seattle	10:00 PM
Friday, March 13		
Los Angeles	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Edmonton	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Saturday, March 14		
Anaheim	Ottawa	1:00 PM
Boston	Washington	3:00 PM
Colorado	Winnipeg	4:00 PM
NY Rangers	Minnesota	6:00 PM
Toronto	Buffalo	7:00 PM
San Jose	Montreal	7:00 PM
Carolina	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Calgary	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Columbus	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Detroit	Dallas	8:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Utah	9:00 PM
Seattle	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Chicago	Vegas	10:00 PM
Sunday, March 15		
St. Louis	Winnipeg	3:00 PM
San Jose	Ottawa	5:00 PM
Anaheim	Montreal	7:00 PM
Toronto	Minnesota	7:30 PM
Nashville	Edmonton	8:00 PM
Florida	Seattle	8:00 PM
Monday, March 16		
Calgary	Detroit	7:00 PM
Boston	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Los Angeles	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Utah	Dallas	8:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Colorado	9:30 PM
Tuesday, March 17		
NY Islanders	Toronto	7:00 PM
Boston	Montreal	7:00 PM
Carolina	Columbus	7:00 PM
Nashville	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Minnesota	Chicago	8:30 PM
San Jose	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Florida	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Buffalo	Vegas	10:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Seattle	10:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18		
New Jersey	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Carolina	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Washington	7:30 PM
Dallas	Colorado	9:30 PM
St. Louis	Calgary	9:30 PM
Philadelphia	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Thursday, March 19		
Winnipeg	Boston	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Montreal	Detroit	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Columbus	7:00 PM
Seattle	Nashville	8:00 PM
Chicago	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Florida	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Utah	Vegas	10:00 PM
Buffalo	San Jose	10:00 PM
Philadelphia	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, March 20		
Carolina	Toronto	7:00 PM
New Jersey	Washington	7:00 PM

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VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Colorado	Chicago	8:30 PM
Florida	Calgary	9:00 PM
Anaheim	Utah	10:00 PM
Saturday, March 21		
Winnipeg	Pittsburgh	1:00 PM
Vegas	Nashville	2:00 PM
Dallas	Minnesota	4:00 PM
Buffalo	Los Angeles	4:00 PM
Philadelphia	San Jose	4:00 PM
Seattle	Columbus	5:00 PM
NY Islanders	Montreal	7:00 PM
Toronto	Ottawa	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Vancouver	7:00 PM
Boston	Detroit	8:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Sunday, March 22		
Winnipeg	NY Rangers	12:00 PM
Colorado	Washington	12:30 PM
Carolina	Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Nashville	Chicago	3:00 PM
Columbus	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Vegas	Dallas	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Calgary	8:00 PM
Buffalo	Anaheim	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Utah	9:00 PM
Monday, March 23		
Ottawa	NY Rangers	7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 24		
Toronto	Boston	7:00 PM
Carolina	Montreal	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Detroit	7:00 PM
Seattle	Florida	7:00 PM
Chicago	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Columbus	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Colorado	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Tampa Bay	7:30 PM
Washington	St. Louis	8:00 PM
San Jose	Nashville	8:00 PM
New Jersey	Dallas	8:00 PM
Vegas	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Utah	9:00 PM
Los Angeles	Calgary	9:00 PM
Anaheim	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Wednesday, March 25		
Boston	Buffalo	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Toronto	7:30 PM
Thursday, March 26		
Columbus	Montreal	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Seattle	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Minnesota	Florida	7:00 PM
Dallas	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Chicago	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
San Jose	St. Louis	8:00 PM
New Jersey	Nashville	8:00 PM
Colorado	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
Washington	Utah	9:00 PM
Anaheim	Calgary	9:00 PM
Edmonton	Vegas	9:30 PM
Los Angeles	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Friday, March 27		
Detroit	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Chicago	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 28		
Ottawa	Tampa Bay	1:00 PM
Florida	NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Anaheim	Edmonton	3:30 PM
Minnesota	Boston	5:00 PM
Dallas	Pittsburgh	5:00 PM
New Jersey	Carolina	5:00 PM
San Jose	Columbus	5:00 PM
Seattle	Buffalo	5:30 PM
Toronto	St. Louis	7:00 PM
Montreal	Nashville	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Colorado	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Detroit	8:00 PM
Utah	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Vancouver	Calgary	10:00 PM
Washington	Vegas	10:30 PM
Sunday, March 29		
Florida	NY Rangers	1:00 PM
Nashville	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Montreal	Carolina	5:00 PM

VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Boston	Columbus	5:00 PM
Chicago	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Dallas	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Monday, March 30		
Pittsburgh	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Calgary	Colorado	8:30 PM
Vancouver	Vegas	10:00 PM
Toronto	Anaheim	10:00 PM
St. Louis	San Jose	10:00 PM
Tuesday, March 31		
Dallas	Boston	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Montreal	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Ottawa	Florida	7:00 PM
New Jersey	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Detroit	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Washington	7:00 PM
Carolina	Columbus	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Chicago	8:30 PM
Seattle	Edmonton	9:00 PM
APRIL		
Wednesday, April 1		
Vancouver	Colorado	8:30 PM
St. Louis	Los Angeles	9:00 PM
Anaheim	San Jose	10:00 PM
Thursday, April 2		
Buffalo	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Boston	Florida	7:00 PM
Washington	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Montreal	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Detroit	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Columbus	Carolina	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Dallas	8:00 PM
Vancouver	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Chicago	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Calgary	Vegas	10:00 PM
Toronto	San Jose	10:00 PM
Utah	Seattle	10:00 PM
Nashville	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Friday, April 3		
Philadelphia	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Saturday, April 4		
Detroit	NY Rangers	12:30 PM
Minnesota	Ottawa	1:00 PM
Colorado	Dallas	3:00 PM
Boston	Tampa Bay	5:00 PM
Florida	Pittsburgh	5:00 PM
Montreal	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Buffalo	Washington	7:00 PM
NY Islanders	Carolina	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	Columbus	7:00 PM
Utah	Vancouver	7:00 PM
Toronto	Los Angeles	7:00 PM
Vegas	Edmonton	10:00 PM
Calgary	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Nashville	San Jose	10:00 PM
Chicago	Seattle	10:00 PM
Sunday, April 5		
Minnesota	Detroit	1:00 PM
Florida	Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Boston	Philadelphia	3:30 PM
Carolina	Ottawa	5:00 PM
New Jersey	Montreal	7:00 PM
Washington	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
St. Louis	Colorado	9:30 PM
Monday, April 6		
Tampa Bay	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Seattle	Winnipeg	7:30 PM
Chicago	San Jose	10:00 PM
Nashville	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Tuesday, April 7		
Florida	Montreal	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Columbus	Detroit	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Boston	Carolina	7:00 PM
Colorado	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Calgary	Dallas	8:00 PM
Seattle	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Edmonton	Utah	9:30 PM

VISITOR	HOME	TIME
Vegas	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Nashville	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Wednesday, April 8		
Buffalo	NY Rangers	7:00 PM
Washington	Toronto	7:30 PM
Edmonton	San Jose	10:30 PM
Thursday, April 9		
Columbus	Buffalo	7:00 PM
Tampa Bay	Montreal	7:00 PM
Florida	Ottawa	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Detroit	7:00 PM
Pittsburgh	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Toronto	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Winnipeg	St. Louis	8:00 PM
Minnesota	Dallas	8:00 PM
Carolina	Chicago	8:30 PM
Calgary	Colorado	9:00 PM
Nashville	Utah	9:00 PM
San Jose	Anaheim	10:00 PM
Vegas	Seattle	10:00 PM
Vancouver	Los Angeles	10:30 PM
Saturday, April 11		
Tampa Bay	Boston	12:30 PM
Ottawa	NY Islanders	1:00 PM
Washington	Pittsburgh	3:00 PM
Edmonton	Los Angeles	4:00 PM
New Jersey	Detroit	5:00 PM
St. Louis	Chicago	5:00 PM
Minnesota	Nashville	5:00 PM
NY Rangers	Dallas	5:00 PM
Carolina	Utah	5:00 PM
Florida	Toronto	7:00 PM
Columbus	Montreal	7:00 PM
Philadelphia	Winnipeg	7:00 PM
Calgary	Seattle	7:00 PM
Vegas	Colorado	8:00 PM
Vancouver	San Jose	10:00 PM
Sunday, April 12		
Pittsburgh	Washington	3:00 PM
Montreal	NY Islanders	6:00 PM
Boston	Columbus	6:00 PM
Ottawa	New Jersey	7:00 PM
Vancouver	Anaheim	8:00 PM
Utah	Calgary	9:00 PM
Monday, April 13		
Detroit	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Florida	7:00 PM
Carolina	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Dallas	Toronto	7:30 PM
Minnesota	St. Louis	8:00 PM
San Jose	Nashville	8:00 PM
Buffalo	Chicago	8:30 PM
Colorado	Edmonton	9:30 PM
Winnipeg	Vegas	10:00 PM
Los Angeles	Seattle	10:00 PM
Tuesday, April 14		
New Jersey	Boston	7:00 PM
Carolina	NY Islanders	7:00 PM
Montreal	Philadelphia	7:00 PM
Washington	Columbus	7:00 PM
Anaheim	Minnesota	8:00 PM
Winnipeg	Utah	9:00 PM
Colorado	Calgary	9:00 PM
Pittsburgh	St. Louis	9:30 PM
Los Angeles	Vancouver	10:00 PM
Wednesday, April 15		
Dallas	Buffalo	7:00 PM
NY Rangers	Tampa Bay	7:00 PM
Detroit	Florida	7:00 PM
Toronto	Ottawa	7:30 PM
San Jose	Chicago	8:30 PM
Seattle	Vegas	10:00 PM
Thursday, April 16		
Anaheim	Nashville	8:00 PM
San Jose	Winnipeg	8:00 PM
St. Louis	Utah	8:00 PM
Los Angeles	Calgary	9:00 PM
Vancouver	Edmonton	9:00 PM
Seattle	Colorado	10:30 PM

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Plenty of players had yet to sign NHL contracts by our press time in early August. The most notable ones are listed below

GOALIES	2024-25	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SP
Alexandar Georgiev	Colorado/San Jose	49	15	26	4	3.69	.874
Ilya Samsonov	Vegas	29	16	9	4	2.82	.891
James Reimer	Anaheim/Buffalo	24	10	10	2	3.03	.897
Georgi Romanov	San Jose	8	0	6	0	3.89	.877
DEFENSEMEN	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**		**PTS**	**PIM**
Robert Bortuzzo	Utah	17	0	2		2	22
TJ Brodie	Chicago	54	2	8		10	18
Calvin de Haan	Colorado/NY Rangers	47	0	8		8	12
Matt Grzelcyk	Pittsburgh	82	1	39		40	16
Travis Hamonic	Ottawa	59	1	6		7	19
Erik Johnson	Philadelphia/Colorado	36	2	3		5	15
Jack Johnson	Columbus	41	0	6		6	2
Oliver Kylington	Colorado/Anaheim	19	1	4		5	8
Jon Merrill	Minnesota	70	2	4		6	20
Jan Rutta	San Jose	54	3	6		9	28
Brendan Smith	Dallas	32	1	5		6	33
Ryan Suter	St. Louis	82	2	13		15	24
Marc-Edouard Vlasic	San Jose	27	1	2		3	2
CENTERS	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**		**PTS**	**PIM**
Robby Fabbri	Anaheim	44	8	8		16	20
Luke Glendening	Tampa Bay	77	4	3		7	10
Luke Kunin	San Jose/Columbus	75	11	7		18	55
Trevor Lewis	Los Angeles	60	6	6		12	20
Tyler Motte	Detroit	55	4	5		9	6
Kevin Rooney	Calgary	70	5	5		10	14
Jack Roslovic	Carolina	81	22	17		39	10
Craig Smith	Chicago/Detroit	59	9	9		18	34
LEFT WINGERS	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**		**PTS**	**PIM**
Noah Gregor	Ottawa/San Jose	52	4	3		7	28
Joel Kiviranta	Colorado	79	16	7		23	20
Brock McGinn	Anaheim	26	4	4		8	0
Matt Nieto	Pittsburgh	32	1	2		3	4
Victor Olofsson	Vegas	56	15	14		29	16
Max Pacioretty	Toronto	37	5	8		13	16
Jakub Vrana	Washington/Nashville	39	9	5		14	10
RIGHT WINGERS	**2024-25**	**GP**	**G**	**A**		**PTS**	**PIM**
Cam Atkinson	Tampa Bay	39	4	5		9	11
Nathan Bastian	New Jersey	59	4	6		10	31
Hudson Fasching	NY Islanders	43	2	2		4	6
Klim Kostin	San Jose	35	1	6		7	27
Kevin Labanc	Columbus	34	2	10		12	12
Brett Leason	Anaheim	62	5	12		17	22

LAST WORD

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The play of Nosek and his fourth-line brethren was a key factor in the Panthers' second Stanley Cup victory.

STARS 'N' SLUGS

After watching the Cats claim another Cup, several contenders did a deep dive on the importance of depth and resurfaced with bottom-beefy depth charts

FIELDING QUESTIONS from the media in the aftermath of his second consecutive Stanley Cup, Florida coach Paul Maurice had praise for all of his Panthers in their six-game victory over the Edmonton Oilers. But he only got emotional when he spoke about one particular player: Tomas Nosek.

Nosek, of course, wasn't one of the Panthers' stars and, in fact, started the Cup final as a goat when his puck-over-the-glass penalty late in the first OT period led to Edmonton's power-play game-winner in Game 1. After that setback, Maurice had assured reporters that Nosek's team would rally around the veteran. And in the end, the gaffe was merely a footnote in hockey history.

But with the title clinched and all of Pantherdom in rapture again, Maurice practically teared up when talking about Nosek and what he meant to the team. The coach believed that one of his own errors on a line-change call had cost his Cats in a different game, so he felt an affinity with his fourth-liner. Nosek hadn't been on the 2024 edition of the Panthers, but now he and Maurice were champions together.

And this wasn't the first time Maurice had brought up his fourth line. Several times during the final, he made it clear that Florida probably wouldn't have beaten Toronto in Round 2 if it weren't for the play of Nosek, Jonah Gadjovich and A.J. Greer. The Leafs were already up 2-0 in the series and in control of Game 3 when the fourth line helped flip the momentum. So, with the clock winding down in Game 6 against Edmonton and the Cup secured, Maurice made sure it was Nosek's line out on the ice.

The long-winded message here? Depth matters. In a copycat league, those who wish to depose the Panthers in 2025-26 should realize that a couple of superstars can't win a title by themselves – it takes all four lines and all three 'D' pairings.

So, perhaps it's not surprising that several teams looking to take that next step in the playoffs made sure to shore up their own depth this summer. Toronto was one of them. Though the Maple Leafs lost superstar Mitch Marner – a big blow to the depth chart, no doubt – Toronto got a couple of playoff-style bottom-sixers in the wake of Marner heading to Vegas. Nicolas Roy was the return in the Marner sign-and-trade, while crash-and-bang winger Dakota Joshua came via a trade with Vancouver later in the off-season.

For some Toronto fans, this could cynically be seen as an upgrade. They believed that Marner was often rendered ineffective when playoff series got serious, so bringing in two players who could help in such games while losing one who hadn't is just simple math. And Roy and Joshua do fit the profile of players who could beat the Panthers. Roy already did it, in fact, when his Golden Knights ran over Florida in the 2023 Cup final.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, the Devils made similar tinkering moves to augment a team with deep playoff aspirations. Connor Brown, who has been to two finals in a row with Edmonton, has taken his talents to Newark, while Evgenii Dadonov comes in from Dallas, where he made three solid post-season runs with the Stars. Obviously, any playoff success in New Jersey is going to hinge on Jack Hughes, Nico Hischier and Jesper Bratt, but Brown has proven to be a deft penalty-killer in recent times, while Dadonov can provide secondary scoring. These are the days of crossing all your T's and dotting your I's.

Of course, both of those Eastern Conference teams may have to go through the actual Florida Panthers if they want to become the *next* Florida Panthers, and we know the real Florida Panthers aren't about to lay down during their burgeoning dynasty.

And when it comes to depth signings, I haven't even mentioned perhaps the most significant of the summer, at least in terms of amusing kismet: the one team that has basically guaranteed itself a spot in the next Cup final is the Los Angeles Kings.

Do I say this because of the addition of bottom-sixer Joel Armia or veteran blueliners Cody Ceci and Brian Dumoulin? No, though those guys will help, but the player I'm talking about is the ageless Corey Perry, who has played in five of the past six finals. It seems you can't have a Cup showdown without him these days. So, that's just lateral thinking on the part of the Kings, frankly.

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